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## "AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES."

- Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:
- "Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 14-36g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 6 (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in 7 accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of subsection
- 8 (a) of this section. Such regulations may provide exceptions to the
- 9 provisions of subdivision [(2)] (1) of subsection (a) of this section for a
- 10 single parent under the age of eighteen for the purposes of
- 11 transporting the child of such parent to day care, child care and
- 12 education facilities, medical appointments, and for such other
- purposes as may be determined by the commissioner.

Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 14-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) (1) On or after January 1, 1997, a person who is sixteen or seventeen years of age and who has not had a motor vehicle operator's license or right to operate a motor vehicle in this state suspended or revoked may apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a learner's permit. The commissioner may issue a learner's permit to an applicant after the applicant has passed a vision screening and test as to knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road, has paid the fee required by subsection (v) of section 14-49 and has filed a certificate, in such form as the commissioner prescribes, requesting or consenting to the issuance of the learner's permit and the motor vehicle operator's license, signed by (A) one or both parents or foster parents of the applicant, as the commissioner requires, (B) the legal guardian of the applicant, (C) the applicant's spouse, if the spouse is eighteen years of age or older, or (D) if the applicant has no qualified spouse and such applicant's parent or foster parent or legal guardian is deceased, incapable, domiciled without the state or otherwise unavailable or unable to sign or file the certificate, the applicant's stepparent, grandparent, or uncle or aunt by blood or marriage, provided such person is eighteen years of age or older. The commissioner may, for the more efficient administration of the commissioner's duties, appoint any drivers' school licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-69 or any secondary school providing instruction in motor vehicle operation and highway safety in accordance with section 14-36e to issue a learner's permit, subject to such standards and requirements as the commissioner may prescribe in regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54. Each learner's permit shall expire on the date the holder of the permit is issued a motor vehicle operator's license or on the date the holder attains the age of eighteen years, whichever is earlier. (2) The learner's permit shall entitle the holder, while such holder has the permit in his or her immediate possession, to operate a motor vehicle on the public

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48 highways, provided such holder is under the instruction of, and 49 accompanied by, a person who holds an instructor's license issued 50 under the provisions of section 14-73 or a person twenty years of age 51 or older who has been licensed to operate, for at least four years 52 preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle of the same class as the 53 motor vehicle being operated and who has not had his or her motor 54 vehicle operator's license suspended by the commissioner during the 55 four-year period preceding the instruction. (3) Unless the holder of the 56 permit is under the instruction of and accompanied by a person who 57 holds an instructor's license issued under the provisions of section 14-58 73, no passenger in addition to the person providing instruction shall 59 be transported unless such passenger is a parent or legal guardian of 60 the holder of the permit. (4) The holder of a learner's permit who (A) is 61 an active member of a certified ambulance service, as defined in 62 section 19a-175, (B) has commenced an emergency vehicle operator's 63 course that conforms to the national standard curriculum developed 64 by the United States Department of Transportation, and (C) has had 65 state and national criminal history records checks conducted by the 66 certified ambulance service or by the municipality in which such 67 ambulance service is provided, shall be exempt from the provisions of 68 subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection only when such holder is en 69 route to or from the location of the ambulance for purposes of 70 responding to an emergency call. (5) The commissioner may revoke 71 any learner's permit used in violation of the limitations imposed by 72 subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection.

Sec. 3. Subsection (f) of section 14-50 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2009):

(f) Whenever any check issued to the commissioner in payment of any fee is returned as uncollectible <u>or a payment of any fee by means of a credit or debit card is rejected or dishonored</u>, the commissioner shall charge the drawer of such check or the person presenting such check to him, or the holder of the credit or debit card or the person presenting such credit or debit card to the commissioner, a fee of

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- 83 in an amount of not more than two hundred dollars, and a fee of
- 84 fifteen per cent of the full amount of each such [check which is drawn]
- 85 fee that is due in an amount in excess of two hundred dollars, plus all
- 86 protest fees <u>or charges</u>, to cover the cost of collection.
- Sec. 4. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 14-111 of the
- 88 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 89 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 90 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
- whenever the holder of any motor vehicle operator's license has been convicted or has forfeited any bond taken or has received a suspended
- convicted or has forfeited any bond taken or has received a suspended judgment or sentence for any of the following violations, the
- judgment or sentence for any of the following violations, the commissioner shall, without hearing, suspend such person's operator's
- 95 license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state as follows:
- 96 For a first violation of subsection (a) of section 14-224 or section 14-110,
- 97 14-215 or 53a-119b, for a period of not less than one year and, for a
- 98 subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less than two years;
- 99 for a violation of subsection (a) of section 14-222 or subsection (c) of
- section 14-224, for a period of not less than thirty days or more than
- 101 ninety days and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not
- less than ninety days; for a violation of subsection (b) of section 14-224,
- for a period of not less than ninety days and for a subsequent violation
- 104 <u>thereof, for a period of not less than one year</u>; for a first violation of
- subsection (b) of section 14-147, for a period of not less than ninety
- days and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less
- than five years; for a first violation of subsection (c) of section 14-147,
- 108 for a period of not less than thirty days and, for a subsequent violation
- thereof, for a period of not less than one year.
- Sec. 5. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 14-111 of the
- general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):
- 113 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14-111b, whenever the

114 holder of any motor vehicle operator's license or learner's permit who 115 is less than eighteen years of age or whenever a person who does not 116 hold an operator's license who is less than eighteen years of age has 117 been convicted or has forfeited any bond taken or has received a 118 suspended judgment or sentence for any of the following violations, 119 the commissioner shall suspend such person's operator's license or 120 <u>privilege to obtain an operator's license</u> as follows: For a first violation 121 of subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 14-219, as amended by 122 this act, or subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 14-219, as 123 amended by this act, for a period of sixty days and, for a second 124 violation thereof, for a period of ninety days and, for a third or 125 subsequent violation thereof, for a period of six months; for a first 126 violation of subsection (a) of section 14-222, for a period of six months 127 and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of one year; for a 128 violation of subsection (c) of section 14-224, for a period of six months 129 and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of one year; for a 130 first violation of section 14-296aa, for a period of thirty days and, for a 131 second violation thereof, for a period of ninety days and, for a third or 132 subsequent violation thereof, for a period of six months.

- Sec. 6. Section 14-227f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
  - (a) Any person whose motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege is suspended under subsection (g) of section 14-227a for a conviction of a violation of subsection (a) of said section or under section 14-227b, as amended by this act, for a second or subsequent time shall participate in a treatment program which includes an assessment of the degree of alcohol abuse and treatment, as appropriate, approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The commissioner shall not reinstate the operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of any such person until such person submits evidence to the commissioner that such person has [satisfactorily completed the treatment program] complied with the requirements of this section. Any person whose certificate is suspended or revoked pursuant to section 15-133, 15-140l or 15-140n shall participate in such

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- (b) The treatment program shall be designed by the commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Medical Advisory Board established pursuant to section 14-46b, any state agency or any other public or private entity engaged in the provision of responsible services for the treatment of alcohol and drug addiction as the commissioner may request. The program shall consist of intensive treatment and a phase of continuing aftercare supervision and monitoring on an individual basis. The program may be provided by one or more private organizations approved by the commissioner which meet qualifications established by him, provided the entire costs of the program shall be paid from fees charged to the participants, the amounts of which shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner.
- (c) Upon receipt of notification from the commissioner of the requirement to participate in the program, such person may [, within thirty days, petition the commissioner in writing for a waiver of such requirement on the following grounds: (1) The petitioner is presently undergoing a substantial treatment program for alcohol or drug addiction, or has completed such a program subsequent to his most recent arrest, either as a result of an order of the Superior Court or on a voluntary basis, and (2) the petitioner does not, in the opinion of a licensed physician based upon a personal examination, have a current addiction problem which affects his ability to operate a motor vehicle in a safe manner or pose a significant risk of having such a problem in the foreseeable future. In reviewing and determining whether to grant any such petition, the commissioner shall request and give due consideration to the advice of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Medical Advisory Board. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the commissioner may appeal such decision in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.
- (d) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this section.

Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 14-36j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

- (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall amend the regulations adopted pursuant to [section] sections 14-36f and 14-78 concerning the content of safe driving instruction courses offered at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary schools to require the eight hours of instruction required by such regulations to include, for applicants to whom a learner's permit is issued on or after August 1, 2008, two hours of instruction concerning the statutory provisions, including penalties, applicable to drivers who are less than eighteen years of age, the dangers of teenage driving, the cognitive development of adolescents, the responsibilities and liabilities of parents of teenage drivers, and related topics deemed by the commissioner to be appropriate.
- Sec. 8. Section 14-37b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Any applicant for a motor vehicle operator's license who has not previously held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license and who does not hold a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by any other state, [or] by any territory or possession of the United States, or by any foreign country with which the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles has an agreement for reciprocal recognition of driver training requirements, shall be subject to the requirements of subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of section 14-36 and shall be required to present to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles a certificate of the successful completion of a course of not less than eight hours relative to safe driving practices, including a minimum of four hours on the nature and the medical, biological and physiological effects of alcohol and drugs and their impact on the operator of a motor vehicle, the dangers associated with the operation of a motor vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or drugs by the operator, the problems of alcohol and drug abuse and the penalties for alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle

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213 violations. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance

- 214 with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing standards for
- 215 commercial driver's schools that are licensed in accordance with the
- 216 provisions of section 14-69 to offer and conduct the course of
- 217 <u>instruction required by this section.</u>
- Sec. 9. (NEW) (Effective from passage) If any person who is less than
- 219 eighteen years of age is convicted of operating a motor vehicle without
- an operator's license, in accordance with the provisions of section 14-36
- of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or subdivision (2) of
- section 14-215b of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Motor
- Vehicles, upon determination that such person does not hold an
- operator's license, shall not issue an operator's license to such person
- 225 for a period of at least one year.
- Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 14-41 of the general statutes is
- 227 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 228 1, 2009):
- 229 (a) Except as provided in section 14-41a, each motor vehicle
- 230 operator's license shall be renewed every six years or every four years
- on the date of the operator's birthday in accordance with a schedule to
- be established by the commissioner. On and after July 1, [2009] 2011,
- the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall screen the vision of each
- 234 motor vehicle operator prior to every other renewal of the operator's
- license of such operator in accordance with a schedule adopted by the
- commissioner. Such screening requirement shall apply to every other
- renewal following the initial screening. In lieu of the vision screening
- by the commissioner, such operator may submit the results of a vision
- 239 screening conducted by a licensed health care professional qualified to
- 240 conduct such screening on a form prescribed by the commissioner
- during the twelve months preceding such renewal. No motor vehicle
- operator's license may be renewed unless the operator passes such
- 243 vision screening. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in
- 244 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the
- 245 provisions of this subsection related to the administration of vision

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- Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 14-44 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2009):
  - (a) (1) No person shall operate a commercial motor vehicle used for passenger transportation on any public highway of this state until such person has obtained a commercial driver's license with a passenger endorsement from the commissioner, except a nonresident who holds such license with such endorsement issued by another state. (2) No person shall operate a school bus until such person has obtained a commercial driver's license with a school bus endorsement, except that a person who holds such a license without such endorsements may operate a school bus without passengers for the purpose of road testing or moving the vehicle. (3) No person shall operate a student transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212, activity vehicle, taxicab, motor vehicle in livery service, motor bus or service bus until such person has obtained an operator's license bearing an endorsement of the appropriate type from the commissioner issued in accordance with the provisions of this section and section 14-36a, except that a person who holds an operator's license without such endorsement may operate any such vehicle without passengers for the purpose of road testing or moving the vehicle. (4) No person shall operate a student transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212 or activity vehicle until such person has obtained an operator's license bearing an endorsement of the appropriate type from the commissioner issued in accordance with the provisions of this section and section 14-36a.
- Sec. 12. Subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 14-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
  - (f) (1) The commissioner may refuse to register or issue a certificate of title for a motor vehicle or class of motor vehicles if he determines that the characteristics of the motor vehicle or class of motor vehicles

278 make it unsafe for highway operation. The commissioner may adopt

- regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to 279
- implement the provisions of this subsection and the provisions of 280
- 281 subsection (h) of this section.
- Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 14-42 of the general statutes is 282
- 283 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 284 passage):
- 285 (b) The application for an operator's license and the application for
- an identity card shall include the opportunity [to complete an organ 286
- 287 donor card] for the applicant to register as an organ and tissue donor
- 288 in the donor registry established pursuant to sections [19a-271 to 19a-
- 289 280] 19a-279a to 19a-279k, inclusive. An operator's license issued to a
- 290 person who has [completed a donor card] elected to be included in
- 291 such donor registry shall have a [copy of the card] designation of such
- 292 person's donor status imprinted on [the reverse side of the] such
- 293 license or identity card.
- 294 Sec. 14. Section 14-219 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 295 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 296 (a) No person shall operate any motor vehicle (1) upon any
- 297 highway, road or any parking area for ten cars or more, at such a rate
- 298 of speed as to endanger the life of any occupant of such motor vehicle,
- 299 but not the life of any other person than such an occupant; [or] (2) at a
- 300 rate of speed greater than fifty-five miles per hour upon any highway
- 301 other than a highway specified in subsection (b) of section 14-218a for
- 302 which a speed limit has been established in accordance with the
- 303 provisions of said subsection; (3) at a rate of speed greater than sixty-
- 304 five miles per hour upon any highway specified in subsection (b) of
- 305 section 14-218a for which a speed limit has been established in 306 accordance with the provisions of said subsection; or (4) if such person
- 307 is under eighteen years of age, upon any highway or road for which a
- 308 speed limit of less than sixty-five miles per hour has been established
- 309 in accordance with subsection (a) of section 14-218a, at a rate of speed

310 <u>more than</u> twenty miles per hour [or more] above such speed limit.

(b) Any person who operates a motor vehicle (1) on a multiple lane, limited access highway other than a highway specified in subsection (b) of section 14-218a for which a speed limit has been established in accordance with the provisions of said subsection at a rate of speed greater than fifty-five miles per hour but not greater than seventy miles per hour, (2) on a multiple lane, limited access highway specified in subsection (b) of section 14-218a for which a speed limit has been established in accordance with the provisions of said subsection at a rate of speed greater than sixty-five miles per hour but not greater than seventy miles per hour, (3) on any other highway at a rate of speed greater than fifty-five miles per hour but not greater than sixty miles per hour, or (4) if such person is under eighteen years of age, upon any highway or road for which a speed limit of less than sixty-five miles per hour has been established in accordance with subsection (a) of section 14-218a, at a rate of speed more than twenty miles per hour [or more] above such speed limit, shall commit an infraction, provided any such person operating a truck, as defined in section 14-260n, shall have committed a violation and shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one hundred fifty dollars.

- (c) Any person who violates any provision of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section or who operates a motor vehicle (1) on a multiple lane, limited access highway at a rate of speed greater than seventy miles per hour but not greater than eighty-five miles per hour, or (2) on any other highway at a rate of speed greater than sixty miles per hour but not greater than eighty-five miles per hour, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one hundred fifty dollars, provided any such person operating a truck, as defined in section 14-260n, shall be fined not less than one hundred fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars.
- (d) No person shall be subject to prosecution for a violation of both subsection (a) of this section and subsection (a) of section 14-222 because of the same offense.

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(e) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the contrary, any person who violates subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of this section while operating a truck, as defined in section 14-260n, or subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section while operating a motor vehicle or a truck, as defined in section 14-260n, shall follow the procedures set forth in section 51-164n.

- Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of section 14-61 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2009):
- 353 (b) The commissioner may require any dealer who is authorized to 354 issue a temporary transfer of registration in accordance with 355 subsection (a) of this section or a new registration in accordance with 356 subsection (c) of section 14-12 to file each application for a permanent 357 registration by electronic transmission of an electronic record if the 358 commissioner determines that the dealer files, on average, [twenty-359 five ten or more such applications for permanent registration each 360 month with the Department of Motor Vehicles. The provisions of this 361 subsection do not preclude any such dealer from filing an application 362 for a permanent registration in person at any branch office of the 363 department.
- Sec. 16. Subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 14-164c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):
  - (k) (1) The commissioner, with approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, shall establish, and from time to time modify, the inspection fees, not to exceed [ten dollars per annual inspection or] twenty dollars for each biennial inspection or reinspection required pursuant to this chapter for inspections performed at official emissions inspection stations. Such fees shall be paid in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. If the costs to the state of the emissions inspection program, including administrative

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costs and payments to any independent contractor, exceed the income from such fees, such excess costs shall be borne by the state. Any person whose vehicle has been inspected at an official emissions inspection station shall, if such vehicle is found not to comply with any required standards, have the vehicle repaired and have the right within [thirty] <u>sixty</u> consecutive calendar days to return such vehicle to the same official emissions inspection station for one reinspection without charge, provided, where the [thirtieth] sixtieth day falls on a Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which the commissioner has established that special circumstances or conditions exist that have caused emissions inspection to be impracticable, such person may return such vehicle for reinspection on the next day. The commissioner shall assess a late fee of twenty dollars for the emissions inspection of a motor vehicle performed at an official emissions inspection station later than thirty days after the expiration date of the assigned inspection period provided the commissioner may waive such late fee when it is proven to the commissioner's satisfaction that the failure to have the vehicle inspected within thirty days of the assigned inspection period was due to exigent circumstances. If ownership of the motor vehicle has been transferred subsequent to the expiration date of the assigned inspection period and the new owner has such motor vehicle inspected within thirty days of the registration of such motor vehicle, the commissioner shall waive the late fee. If the thirtieth day falls on a Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which the commissioner has established that special circumstances or conditions exist that have caused emissions inspection to be impracticable, such vehicle may be inspected on the next day and no late fee shall be assessed.

- Sec. 17. Section 14-67a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):
- 405 (a) No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of 406 manufacturing motor vehicles for sale in this state without having 407 been issued a manufacturer's license, which license shall expire 408 biennially on the last day of June. Application for such license or

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- in such form as the commissioner shall require. The commissioner may
- 411 require with such application all of the following, which he may
- 412 consider in determining the fitness of such applicant to engage in
- business as a manufacturer of motor vehicles for sale in this state:
- 414 (1) Information relating to the applicant's solvency and his financial 415 standing;
- 416 (2) A certified copy of any warranty made by the manufacturer or
- any other party in whom title to such motor vehicle may have been
- 418 vested prior to possession of such motor vehicle being transferred to a
- 419 person licensed under the provisions of this section;
- 420 (3) A copy of the applicant's standard franchise agreement and all
- supplements thereto, together with a list of the applicant's authorized
- dealers or distributors in this state and their address. Such applicant
- shall notify the commissioner immediately of the appointment of any
- additional dealers or distributors or any revisions of or additions to the
- basic franchise agreement on file with him, or of any individual dealer
- 426 or distributor supplements to such agreement;
- 427 (4) A certified copy of the delivery and preparation obligations of
- 428 the applicant's new car dealers, which obligations shall constitute such
- new car dealers' only responsibility for product liability between the
- 430 dealer and the manufacturer;
- 431 (5) An affidavit stating the rates such applicant pays or agrees to
- 432 pay any authorized new car dealer for parts and labor used and
- 433 expended by such authorized new car dealer for the manufacturer
- 434 under delivery and preparation obligations under the new car
- 435 warranty;
- 436 (6) A biennial license fee of two thousand three hundred dollars,
- which fee shall not be subject to refund or proration; and
- 438 (7) Any other pertinent matter commensurate with the safeguarding

- 439 of the public interest.
- (b) An application for renewal of such license filed with the
- 441 <u>commissioner after the expiration date of such license shall be</u>
- 442 accompanied by a late fee of two hundred fifty dollars. The
- 443 <u>commissioner shall not renew any license under this section which has</u>
- expired for more than forty-five days.
- Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 14-67l of the general statutes is
- 446 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 447 1, 2009):
- 448 (a) Upon receiving such certificate of approval, each applicant for a 449 motor vehicle recycler's license shall present such certificate to the 450 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, together with a fee of two hundred 451 eighty dollars for the examination of the location or proposed location 452 of each such motor vehicle recycler's yard or business, and shall pay a 453 license fee of seven hundred five dollars to said commissioner for each 454 motor vehicle recycler's yard or business. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, upon receipt of such certificate of 455 456 approval, the payment of the required license fee and observance of 457 regulations required, a license shall be issued by the commissioner 458 provided, however, the commissioner may refuse to grant a license to 459 a person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of operating a 460 motor vehicle recycler's yard if the applicant for such business license 461 or an officer or major stockholder, if the applicant is a firm or 462 corporation, has been convicted of a violation of any provision of laws 463 pertaining to the business of a motor vehicle dealer or repairer, 464 including a motor vehicle recycler, in the courts of the United States or 465 of this state or any state of the United States, in accordance with the 466 hearing requirements provided for in section 14-67p. Any license may 467 be renewed [from year to year] on a biennial basis upon payment of a 468 fee of [three hundred fifty] seven hundred dollars. [Each such license 469 shall be renewed annually according to renewal schedules established 470 by the commissioner so as to effect staggered renewal of all such 471 licenses. If the adoption of a staggered system results in the expiration

of any license more or less than one year from its issuance, the commissioner may charge a prorated amount for such license fee.] Each such licensee shall, instead of registering each motor vehicle owned by him, make application to the commissioner for a general distinguishing number and mark, and the commissioner may issue to the applicant a certificate of registration containing the distinguishing number and mark assigned to such licensee and, thereupon, each motor vehicle owned by such licensee shall be regarded as registered under such general distinguishing number and mark. No licensee may be issued more than three registrations under a general distinguishing number and mark in a year, unless he makes application for an additional registration to the commissioner, in such form and containing such information as he may require to substantiate such request. The commissioner may issue to each such licensee such additional registrations as he deems necessary. The licensee shall issue to each person driving such motor vehicle a document indicating that such person is validly entrusted with the vehicle, which document shall be carried in the motor vehicle. The commissioner shall determine the form and contents of this document. For the registration of motor vehicles under a general distinguishing number and mark, the commissioner shall charge a fee of seventy dollars for each number plate furnished. Such licensee shall furnish financial responsibility satisfactory to the commissioner as defined in section 14-112. Such number plates may be used as provided for under section 14-67n.

Sec. 19. Section 14-81 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

(a) Each trailer or semitrailer having a gross <u>vehicle</u> weight <u>rating</u> of three thousand pounds or more shall, when operated on any public highway, be equipped with a braking system operating on all wheels. The braking system shall be adequate to safely control the movement of the trailer or semitrailer and, when set, to safely hold the trailer or semitrailer stationary. The brakes shall, at all times, be maintained in good and sufficient working order and shall be capable of being controlled or operated from the driver's seat of the towing vehicle by

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506 either the hand or the foot, except that brakes on trailers having a gross 507 vehicle weight rating of eight thousand pounds or less need not be 508 capable of being controlled or operated from the driver's seat by either 509 the hand or the foot. Except with respect to pole trailers and boat 510 trailers, the commissioner may make regulations concerning the 511 performance of such brakes when the trailer or semitrailer is operated 512 in combination with a towing vehicle. The regulations shall designate 513 the stopping distance, in feet, of the combination of trailer or 514 semitrailer and shall include such other conditions as may be 515 necessary to ensure brake performance adequate to safely control the 516 movement of the vehicles.

- (b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined not less than thirty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each offense.
- Sec. 20. Section 14-163c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):
  - (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, which incorporate by reference the standards set forth in 49 CFR Parts 382 to 397, inclusive, as amended. Such regulations, adopted by reference to the provisions of 49 CFR Parts 382 to 397, inclusive, as amended, may be made applicable to any motor vehicle or motor carrier, as defined in 49 CFR Part 390, which (1) is in intrastate commerce and has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight of eighteen thousand one or more pounds; or (2) is in interstate commerce and has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight of ten thousand one or more pounds; or (3) (A) is a service bus, as defined in section 14-1, or (B) is designed to transport more than fifteen passengers, including the driver; or (4) is used in the transportation of hazardous materials in a quantity requiring placarding under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 49 USC App. 1801 to 1813, inclusive, unless exempted under the

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provisions of the code or the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

(b) The provisions relative to maximum [driving and on-duty time] hours of service for drivers as set forth in 49 CFR [395.3] Part 395, and as adopted by reference in regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall not apply to any [public service company vehicle with a commercial registration when such vehicle is used to transport passengers or property to or from any portion of the state for the purpose of relief or assistance in case of major loss of utility service or to any motor carrier or driver operating a vehicle with a commercial registration when such vehicle is used to provide emergency relief during an emergency in accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR 390.23. For the purposes of this subsection, (1) "emergency" means any hurricane, tornado, storm including a thunderstorm, snowstorm, ice storm, blizzard or sandstorm, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption, mud slide, drought, forest fire, explosion, blackout or other occurrence, natural or manmade, which interrupts the delivery of essential services including electricity, medical care, sewer, water, telecommunications and telecommunication transmissions or essential supplies including food and fuel or otherwise immediately threatens human life or public welfare, provided such hurricane, tornado or other event results in: (A) A declaration of an emergency by the President of the United States, the Governor, or their authorized representatives having authority to declare emergencies, by the regional director of motor carriers for the region in which the occurrence happens or by other federal, state or local government officials having authority to declare emergencies, or (B) a request by a police officer for tow trucks to move wrecked or disabled motor vehicles, (2) "emergency relief" means an operation in which a motor carrier or driver of a commercial motor vehicle is providing direct assistance to supplement state and local efforts and capabilities to save lives or property or to protect public health and safety as a result of an emergency, emergency, and (3) "major loss of utility service" means any unplanned outage or interruption, or the

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imminent risk of outage or interruption, of electric, gas or telephone service, or of service to electric transmission or distribution lines, gas distribution or transmission facilities, electric generation facilities, or other related facilities, or any circumstance related to utility service under which the public safety is at risk, including, but not limited to, any situation where police, fire or other public safety personnel have requested a response by an electric, gas or telephone company to an accident or other situation that presents a hazard to the public. A major loss of utility service begins when the public service company receives notice of the outage, interruption or hazard, or receives notice of the existence of conditions reasonably likely to result in outages, interruptions or hazards, and continues until any necessary maintenance or repair is completed and personnel utilized to perform such necessary maintenance or repair have returned to their regular work routines driver of a utility service vehicle, as defined in 49 CFR Section 395.2, as amended.

- (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may grant variations or exemptions from, or approve equivalent or alternate compliance with, particular provisions of 49 CFR Parts 382 to 397, inclusive, as amended, when strict compliance with such provisions would entail practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship or would be otherwise adjudged unwarranted, provided any such variation, exemption, approved equivalent or alternate compliance shall, in the opinion of the commissioner, secure the public safety.
- (d) Any state or municipal police officer or motor vehicle inspector may (1) inspect any motor vehicle specified in subsection (a) of this section in operation and examine its operator to determine compliance with the provisions of 49 CFR Parts 382 to 397, inclusive, as amended, (2) enter upon the premises of any motor carrier, as defined in 49 CFR Section 390.5, as amended, for the purpose of inspecting and copying records maintained by such motor carrier, (3) conduct a safety rating procedure, safety audit or compliance review, in accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR Part 385, as amended, for any motor carrier that owns or operates any motor vehicle identified in subsection (a) of this

section and, subject to notice and opportunity for hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, order any motor carrier with an unsatisfactory safety rating to cease operations until such time as it achieves a satisfactory rating, (4) declare a motor vehicle or its operator out of service as provided in 49 CFR Section 395.13 and Section 396.9, as amended, or (5) issue an infractions complaint under the provisions of this section, provided such officer or inspector meets the standards established by the commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Safety, in regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

(e) (1) Any person who violates the provisions of this section or any regulations adopted under this section shall, for a first violation, have committed an infraction. (2) The commissioner may impose a civil penalty on any person for a second or subsequent violation of the provisions of this section or any regulations adopted under this section if the acts or conduct on which the conviction is based arise out of the operation of a motor vehicle in intrastate commerce and would, if such acts or conduct had occurred with respect to operation of a motor vehicle in interstate commerce, have subjected such person to a civil penalty under the provisions of 49 CFR Parts 382 to 397, inclusive, as amended. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to specify the amount of such civil penalty provided such amount shall [not exceed the amount specified for the comparable violation under the applicable federal regulations, or ten thousand dollars, whichever is less be not less than one thousand dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars. Any person notified of the assessment of a civil penalty under the provisions of this subsection shall be entitled to an opportunity for an administrative hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. If any person fails to comply with the terms of a final decision and order of the commissioner made pursuant to this subsection, the commissioner may suspend any motor vehicle registration issued to such person or such person's privilege to register any motor vehicle in this state, or prohibit the operation of any motor vehicle owned or operated by such

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641 person, until such person complies with the terms of such final

- decision and order. As used in this section, "person" includes any
- 643 motor carrier, as defined in 49 CFR Section 390.5, as amended.
- Sec. 21. Subsection (c) of section 14-274 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
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- 647 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to [any public 648 service company vehicle with a commercial registration when such 649 vehicle is used to transport passengers or property to or from any 650 portion of the state for the purpose of relief or assistance in the case of 651 major loss of utility service, a disaster or other state of emergency 652 declared by the Governor. For the purposes of this subsection (1) 653 "disaster" shall include, but not be limited to, a hurricane, snowstorm, 654 ice storm, flood, fire or earthquake, and (2) "major loss of utility 655 service" means any unplanned outage or interruption, or the imminent 656 risk of outage or interruption, of electric, gas or telephone service, or of 657 service to electric transmission or distribution lines, gas distribution or 658 transmission facilities, electric generation facilities, or other related 659 facilities, or any circumstance related to utility service under which the public safety is at risk, including, but not limited to, any situation 660 661 where police, fire or other public safety personnel have requested a 662 response by an electric, gas or telephone company to an accident or 663 other situation that presents a hazard to the public. A major loss of 664 utility service begins when the public service company receives notice 665 of the outage, interruption or hazard, or receives notice of the existence 666 of conditions reasonably likely to result in outages, interruptions or 667 hazards, and continues until any necessary maintenance or repair is 668 completed and personnel utilized to perform such necessary 669 maintenance or repair have returned to their regular work routines the owner or the driver of any utility service vehicle, as defined in 49 670 671 CFR Section 395.2, as amended.
- Sec. 22. Subsection (g) of section 14-270 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

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- (g) Any person who violates the provisions of any permit issued under this section or fails to obtain such a permit, when operating [a commercial] any motor vehicle [under the provisions of] or combination of vehicles described in section 14-163c, as amended by this act, shall be subject to the following penalties:
- (1) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this section that exceeds the weight specified in such permit shall be subject to a penalty calculated by subtracting the permitted weight from the actual vehicle weight and the rate of the fine shall be fifteen dollars per one hundred pounds or fraction thereof of such excess weight;
- (2) A person who fails to obtain a permit issued under section 14-262 or 14-264 and who is operating a vehicle at a weight that exceeds the statutory limit for weight shall be subject to a penalty calculated by subtracting the statutory limit for weight from the actual vehicle weight and the rate of the fine shall be fifteen dollars per one hundred pounds or fraction thereof of such excess weight;
  - (3) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this section that exceeds the length specified in such permit shall be subject to a minimum fine of three hundred dollars;
- (4) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this section that exceeds the width specified in such permit shall be subject to a minimum fine of three hundred dollars;
- 697 (5) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this 698 section that exceeds the height specified in such permit shall be subject 699 to a minimum fine of one thousand dollars;
- 700 (6) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this 701 section on routes not specified in such permit, shall be fined (A) one 702 thousand five hundred dollars for each violation of the statutory limit 703 for length, width, height or weight, and (B) shall be subject to a penalty

calculated by subtracting the statutory weight limit of subsection (b) of section 14-267a from the actual vehicle weight and such weight difference shall be fined at the rate provided for in subparagraph (G) of subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 14-267a; or

- 708 (7) A person (A) operating a vehicle with an indivisible load and 709 violating one or more of the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (6), 710 inclusive, of this subsection shall be required to obtain a permit, or (B) 711 operating a vehicle with a divisible load and violating one or more of 712 the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of this subsection 713 shall be required to be off loaded to the permit limit.
- Sec. 23. Section 14-35a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):
- (a) In any case where the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is authorized or required by any section of this title to suspend the registration of a motor vehicle, the commissioner may, for the period that is specified for such suspension, suspend the privilege of the owner to transfer such suspended registration, to register any other motor vehicle or, in the case of a nonresident, to operate any motor vehicle on the highways of this state.
  - (b) No motor carrier, as defined in 49 CFR Section 390.5, as amended, shall operate any motor vehicle on the highways of this state, or knowingly permit such operation of any motor vehicle, the registration of which has been suspended or revoked by the commissioner, or by any federal agency acting pursuant to any provision of federal law.
- (c) Any motor carrier who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall, for a first offense, be fined not less than five hundred dollars or more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both, and, for any subsequent offense, be fined not less than one thousand dollars or more than two thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

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Sec. 24. Section 14-58 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

(a) Each new car dealer, used car dealer or repairer before engaging in such business shall make a separate sworn application to the commissioner for a license to engage in such business in each place of business conducted by such dealer. The application shall include any information that may be required by the commissioner on blanks to be furnished by said commissioner. Each application shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred forty dollars for each place of business conducted by the applicant, together with the fee for the type of license for which the applicant is making application, and such fee or fees shall not be subject to prorating and shall not be subject to refund. No such license shall be transferable. When such licensee adds buildings or adjacent land to such licensee's licensed place of business, the commissioner may require the licensee to furnish satisfactory evidence of compliance with the provisions of section 14-54, or with other applicable provisions of law, administered by the municipality wherein such business is located, concerning building or zoning requirements. When a change of officers of a corporation engaged in such business is made, a notice of the change shall be sent to the commissioner within a period of fifteen days from the date of the change. The commissioner may suspend the license of any corporation, after notice and hearing, when the newly appointed or elected officers cannot be considered as qualified to conduct the business as provided in section 14-51.

(b) Each such licensee shall, instead of registering each motor vehicle owned by such licensee or temporarily in such licensee's custody, make application to the commissioner for a general distinguishing number and mark, and the commissioner may issue to the applicant a certificate or certificates of registration containing the distinguishing number and mark assigned to such applicant, and made in a form and containing any further information that the commissioner may determine, and, thereupon, each motor vehicle owned by the applicant or temporarily in the applicant's custody shall

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be regarded as registered under and having assigned to it such general distinguishing number and mark until sold. For the registration of all motor vehicles, registered under a general distinguishing number and mark, the commissioner shall charge a fee at the rate of seventy dollars per year. No new car dealer may be issued more than one such registration for each ten sales transactions in a year or no repairer or limited repairer may be issued more than three registrations in a year, unless such licensee makes application for an additional registration to the commissioner, in such form and containing such information as the commissioner may require to substantiate such request. No used car dealer may be issued more than three such registrations in a year, provided an additional registration may be issued for each ten sales transactions in excess of thirty such transactions upon submission of such application for an additional registration. The commissioner may issue to each such licensee such additional registrations as the commissioner deems necessary. The commissioner may withdraw any registration previously issued or may limit the number of registrations which any licensee is eligible to receive or to hold, in any case where the licensee has been found to be in violation of any of the provisions of section 14-64.

(c) Registration certificates issued under the provisions of this section shall not be required to be carried upon such motor vehicles when upon the public highways as required under subsection (a) of section 14-13, except that the licensee shall issue to each person driving such motor vehicle a document indicating that such person is validly entrusted with such vehicle which document shall be carried in the motor vehicle. The commissioner shall determine the form and contents of this document. Legible photostatic copies of such registration certificates may be carried in such vehicles as proof of ownership. The licensee shall furnish financial responsibility satisfactory to the commissioner as defined in section 14-112, provided such financial responsibility shall not be required from a licensee when the commissioner finds that the licensee is of sufficient financial responsibility to meet such legal liability. The commissioner may issue

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- (d) Each licensee that was issued a general distinguishing number plate or plates by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of this section or section 14-59, and that no longer holds a valid license due to failure to renew the license, surrender of the license or revocation of the license by the commissioner for a violation of any provision of this subchapter, shall account for and immediately return such number plate or plates to the department, or shall immediately surrender such number plate or plates to a motor vehicle inspector or other authorized agent or employee of said department. All such number plates shall be void, as of the date of termination of the license, and shall not be used as a registration to operate any motor vehicle on any highway.
- 817 (e) Any person who fails to return or surrender any general distinguishing number plate that is void, in accordance with the 818 819 provisions of subsection (d) of this section, or who, with knowledge 820 that such plate is void, uses such plate to operate a motor vehicle on 821 any highway shall be guilty of a violation of subsection (c) of section 822 14-147.
- 823 Sec. 25. Section 14-21v of the general statutes is amended by adding 824 subsection (d) as follows (*Effective from passage*):
- 825 (NEW) (d) The funds in the account shall be distributed quarterly 826 by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to the 827 Connecticut Nurses Foundation.
- 828 Sec. 26. Section 13b-99 of the general statutes is repealed and the 829 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 830 (a) Upon the granting of a certificate of public convenience and 831 necessity as provided in section 13b-97, the holder thereof may apply 832 to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the registration of any 833 taxicab of which he is the owner or lessee and which is to be used as

specified in such certificate, and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall have jurisdiction over the registration of any taxicab and its exterior lighting equipment and over the licensing of its operator.

- (b) Each such taxicab shall be inspected, biennially, at the time of renewal of registration of such taxicab, by a repairer or limited repairer licensed and authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to perform such inspections. The commissioner shall set a fee for such an inspection.
- [(c) The commissioner shall publish a list, semiannually, of all persons holding a class B license whose class B license or registration has been suspended. Such list shall be mailed to each person, association, limited liability company or corporation operating a taxicab pursuant to section 13b-97.]
- [(d)] (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the purposes of this section.
- 850 Sec. 27. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) The traffic authority of any 851 city, town or borough is authorized to permit the operation of golf 852 carts, during daylight hours only, on any street or highway within the 853 limits of, and under the jurisdiction of, such traffic authority, provided: 854 (1) Each such golf cart shall be equipped with an operable horn in 855 accordance with the requirements of subsection (e) of section 14-80 of 856 the general statutes; (2) each such golf cart shall be equipped with a 857 flag that is positioned to assist operators of motor vehicles in observing 858 the location and operation of such golf cart; (3) no such authorization 859 shall be granted for operation on any street or highway the posted 860 speed limit of which is more than twenty-five miles per hour; and (4) 861 the operator of any such golf cart shall carry a valid Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license while operating such golf cart. Any person 862 863 who operates a golf cart in violation of any provision of this 864 subsection, any insurance requirement established in accordance with 865 subsection (b) of this section, or any other conditions or limitations

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- (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may establish, by regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, insurance requirements for the operation of golf carts in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.
- Sec. 28. Section 14-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):
  - (a) The [commissioner] <u>Commissioner of Motor Vehicles</u> may issue special number plates for antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles, <u>including antique</u>, rare or special interest motor vehicles that <u>have been modified</u>, such special number plates to be issued on a permanent basis. The commissioner shall charge a fee for such plates which shall cover the entire cost of making the same. An owner of [an] <u>such</u> antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle may use such owner's own porcelain number plate in place of the plates issued by the commissioner provided (1) such plate was originally issued by the department, and (2) such owner files with the commissioner a description and the number of such plate and any additional information the commissioner may require.
  - (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, section 14-18 and section 14-21b, the owner of [an] such antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle may be authorized by the commissioner to display a number plate originally issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles corresponding to the year of manufacture of such antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle. The commissioner shall issue a certificate of registration, as provided in section 14-12. Such registration shall be valid, subject to renewal, as long as the commissioner permits. Thereafter, the registration number and number plates, if any, which were assigned to such motor vehicle before such registration and number plates were issued under this section, shall be in effect. Each such number plate authorized for use

by the commissioner shall be displayed in a conspicuous place at the rear of such motor vehicle at all times while the vehicle is in use or operation upon any public highway. A sticker shall be affixed to each such number plate to denote the expiration date of the registration, unless the commissioner authorizes the sticker, or other evidence of the period of the registration, to be placed elsewhere or carried in such motor vehicle. Such sticker may contain the corresponding letters and numbers of the registration and number plate. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this [subsection] section.

908 Sec. 29. Subsection (b) of section 12-71 of the general statutes is 909 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* 910 October 1, 2009):

(b) Except as otherwise provided by the general statutes, property subject to this section shall be valued at the same percentage of its then actual valuation as the assessors have determined with respect to the listing of real estate for the same year, except that any antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, shall be assessed at a value of not more than five hundred dollars. The owner of such antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle may be required by the assessors to provide reasonable documentation that such motor vehicle is an antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle, provided any motor vehicle for which special number plates have been issued pursuant to section 14-20 shall not be required to provide any such documentation. The provisions of this section shall not include money or property actually invested in merchandise or manufacturing carried on out of this state or machinery or equipment which would be eligible for exemption under subdivision (72) of section 12-81 once installed and which cannot begin or which has not begun manufacturing, processing or fabricating; or which is being used for research and development, including experimental or laboratory research and development, design or engineering directly related to manufacturing or being used for the significant servicing, overhauling or rebuilding of machinery and equipment for industrial use or the significant

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overhauling or rebuilding of other products on a factory basis or being used for measuring or testing or metal finishing or in the production of motion pictures, video and sound recordings.

935 Sec. 30. Subsection (b) of section 14-16a of the general statutes is 936 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* 937 October 1, 2009):

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(b) The following vehicles, upon transfer of ownership, shall be presented for inspection, as directed by the commissioner, at any Department of Motor Vehicles office or any official emissions inspection station authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to conduct such inspection: (1) All motor vehicles ten model years old or older which are registered in this state and which were originally used or designed as fire apparatus and which are of historical or special interest as determined by the commissioner, (2) all antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles, and (3) all modified antique motor vehicles. Any such vehicle shall be inspected to determine whether it is in good mechanical condition before registration can be issued to the new owner of such vehicle. The determination of the mechanical condition of a vehicle described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be made by inspecting only the vehicle's original equipment and parts or the functional reproductions of the original equipment and parts. The mechanical condition of modified antique motor vehicles shall be determined by inspecting the original equipment and any functioning replacements of such equipment. The model year designation for the purpose of registration of a modified antique motor vehicle or a composite motor vehicle shall be the model year that the body of such vehicle most closely resembles. If the commissioner authorizes the contractor that operates the system of official emissions inspection stations or other business or firm, except a licensee of the department, to conduct the safety inspections required by this subsection, the commissioner may authorize the contractor or other business or firm to charge a fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars, for each such inspection. The commissioner may authorize any motor vehicle dealer or repairer, licensed in accordance with section 14-52

and meeting qualifications established by the commissioner, to make repairs to any motor vehicle that has failed an initial safety inspection and to certify to the commissioner that the motor vehicle is in compliance with the safety and equipment standards for registration. No such authorized dealer or repairer shall charge any additional fee to make such certification to the commissioner.

Sec. 31. Section 14-103a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

Any motor vehicle that (1) has been reconstructed, (2) is composed or assembled from the several parts of other motor vehicles, (3) the identification and body contours of which are so altered that the vehicle no longer bears the characteristics of any specific make of motor vehicle, or (4) has been declared a total loss by any insurance carrier and subsequently reconstructed, shall be inspected by the commissioner to determine whether the vehicle is properly equipped, in good mechanical condition and in the possession of its lawful owner. The model year designation for the purpose of registration of a composite motor vehicle inspected in accordance with this section shall be the model year that the body of such composite motor vehicle most closely resembles. Such vehicle shall be presented for inspection at any Department of Motor Vehicles office to conduct such inspection. The commissioner may require any person presenting any such reassembled, altered or reconstructed vehicle for inspection to provide proof of lawful purchase of any major component parts not part of the vehicle when first sold by the manufacturer. The commissioner may require, in accordance with the provisions of this section, the inspection of any other motor vehicle that has not been manufactured by a person, firm or corporation licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-67a, as amended by this act. The fee for [such] any inspection required by the provisions of this section shall be eighty-eight dollars. The inspection fee shall be in addition to regular registration fees. As used in this section, "reconstructed" refers to each motor vehicle materially altered from its original construction by the removal, addition or substitution of essential parts, new or used.

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1000 Sec. 32. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-36g of the general 1001 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof 1002 (*Effective from passage*):

- (a) Each person who holds a motor vehicle operator's license issued on and after August 1, 2008, and who is sixteen or seventeen years of age shall comply with the following requirements:
- 1006 (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, for the 1007 period of six months after the date of issuance of such license, such 1008 person shall not transport more than (A) such person's parents or legal 1009 guardian, at least one of whom holds a motor vehicle operator's 1010 license, or (B) one passenger who is a driving instructor licensed by the 1011 Department of Motor Vehicles, or a person twenty years of age or 1012 older who has been licensed to operate, for at least four years 1013 preceding the time of being transported, a motor vehicle of the same 1014 class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not had his or 1015 her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the commissioner 1016 during such four-year period;
  - (2) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, for the period beginning six months after the date of issuance of such license and ending one year after the date of issuance of such license, such person shall not transport any passenger other than as permitted under subdivision (1) of this subsection and any additional member or members of such person's immediate family;
- 1023 (3) No such person shall operate any motor vehicle for which a 1024 public passenger transportation permit is required in accordance with 1025 the provisions of section 14-44, as amended by this act, or a vanpool 1026 vehicle, as defined in section 14-1;
- 1027 (4) No such person shall transport more passengers in a motor 1028 vehicle than the number of seat safety belts permanently installed in 1029 such motor vehicle;
- 1030 (5) No such person issued a motorcycle endorsement shall transport

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any passenger on a motorcycle for a period of six months after the date of issuance; and

- (6) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no such person shall operate a motor vehicle on any highway, as defined in section 14-1, at or after 11:00 p.m. until and including 5:00 a.m. of the following day unless (A) such person is traveling for his or her employment or school or religious activities, or (B) there is a medical necessity for such travel. [, or (C) such person is an assigned driver in a Safe Ride program sponsored by the American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts of America or other national public service organization.]
- 1041 (b) A person who holds a motor vehicle operator's license and who 1042 is sixteen or seventeen years of age shall not be subject to the 1043 restrictions on the number or type of passengers specified in 1044 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this section, or to the 1045 restrictions specified in subdivision (6) of said subsection (a), if such 1046 person is: [an] An active member of a volunteer fire company or 1047 department, a volunteer ambulance service or company or an 1048 emergency medical service organization and [if] such person is 1049 responding to an emergency or is carrying out [his or her] such 1050 person's duties as such active member; or an assigned driver in a Safe 1051 Ride program sponsored by the American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts of 1052 America or other national public service organization.
- Sec. 33. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) As used in this section, motorized personal property" includes mini-motorcycles, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, or other types of motorized personal property.
  - (b) If any motorized personal property is towed or otherwise removed by a wrecker licensed under section 14-66 of the general statutes, at the direction of an officer attached to an organized police department, such property shall be taken to and stored in a suitable place. Within forty-eight hours following the time that such property is taken into custody, the licensee or operator of the wrecker shall give written notice by certified mail to the owner, if known (1) that such

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property has been taken and stored, and (2) the location of such 1063 1064 property. Such licensee or operator shall have a lien upon the same for 1065 towing or removal charges and storage charges. If such owner does not 1066 claim such property, or if the owner of such property is not known, the 1067 licensee or operator of the wrecker may sell or dispose of such 1068 property after thirty days, subject to any provision of the general 1069 statutes, or any regulation adopted thereunder, concerning the sale or 1070 disposal of such property.

- (c) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, for a first offense, be deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined not less than thirty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars, and, for each subsequent offense, shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or be both fined and imprisoned.
- Sec. 34. Subdivision (63) of section 14-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):
- 1080 (63) "Out-of-service order" means [a temporary prohibition against 1081 driving a commercial motor vehicle or any other vehicle subject to the 1082 federal motor carrier safety regulations enforced by the commissioner 1083 pursuant to the commissioner's authority under section 14-8] an order 1084 (A) issued by a police officer, state policeman, or motor vehicle 1085 inspector under the authority of section 14-8, or by an authorized official of the United States Federal Motor Carrier Safety 1086 Administration pursuant to any provision of federal law, to prohibit a 1087 1088 commercial motor vehicle from being operated on any highway, or to 1089 prohibit a driver from operating a commercial motor vehicle, or (B) 1090 issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, pursuant 1091 to any provision of federal law, to prohibit any motor carrier, as 1092 defined in section 386.2 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 1093 from engaging in commercial motor vehicle operations.
- Sec. 35. Subdivision (2) of subsection (k) of section 14-111 of the

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general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

- (2) Any person whose license has been revoked in accordance with subparagraph (C) of subdivision (3) of subsection (g) of section 14-227a [on or after October 1, 1999,] may, at any time after six years from the date of such revocation, request a hearing before the commissioner, conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, and the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection for reversal or reduction of such revocation. The commissioner shall require such person to provide evidence that any reversal or reduction of such revocation shall not endanger the public safety or welfare. Such evidence shall include, but not be limited to, proof that such person has successfully completed an alcohol education and treatment program, and proof that such person has not been convicted of any offense related to alcohol, controlled substances or drugs during the preceding six years. The commissioner shall require any person, as a condition of granting such reversal or reduction, to install and maintain an approved ignition interlock device, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (i) of section 14-227a. The approved ignition interlock device shall be installed and maintained from the date such reversal or reduction is granted until ten years has passed since the date of such revocation. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish standards to implement the provisions of this section.
- Sec. 36. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 14-37a of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):
  - (a) Any person whose operator's license has been suspended pursuant to any provision of this chapter or chapter 248, except pursuant to section 14-215 for operating under suspension or pursuant to section 14-140 for failure to appear for any scheduled court appearance, and any person identified in subsection (g) of this section may make application to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for (1) a

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special "work" permit to operate a motor vehicle to and from such person's place of employment or, if such person is not employed at a fixed location, to operate a motor vehicle only in connection with, and to the extent necessary, to properly perform such person's business or profession, or (2) a special "education" permit to operate a motor vehicle to and from an accredited institution of higher education in which such person is enrolled.

(b) The commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion upon a showing of significant hardship, grant each such application that is submitted in proper form and contains such information and attestation by the applicant as the commissioner may require. With respect to an application for an education permit, an applicant shall also be required to submit a schedule of the time and location of all classes or other required educational activities attended by such applicant. Such schedule shall be attested to by the registrar of such educational institution. In determining whether to grant such application, the commissioner may also consider the driving record of the applicant and shall ascertain that the suspension is a final order that is not under appeal pursuant to section 4-183. A special operator's permit shall not be issued pursuant to this section to any person for the operation of a motor vehicle for which a public passenger transportation permit or commercial driver's license is required or to any person whose operator's license has been suspended previously pursuant to section 14-227a or 14-227b. A special operator's permit shall not be issued pursuant to this section to any person whose operator's license has been suspended pursuant to subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of subsection (i) of section 14-227b for refusing to submit to a blood, breath or urine test or analysis until such operator's license has been under suspension for a period of not less than ninety days. A person shall not be ineligible to be issued a special operator's permit under this section solely on the basis of being convicted of two violations of section 14-227a unless such second conviction is for a violation committed after a prior conviction.

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be of a distinctive format and shall include the expiration date and the legend "work only" or "education only".

- Sec. 37. Section 14-253a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1166 (a) For the purposes of this section:
- (1) "Special license plate" means a license plate displaying the international symbol of access in a size identical to that of the letters or numerals on the plate and in a color that contrasts with the background color of the plate;
- 1171 (2) "Removable windshield placard" means a two-sided, hanger-1172 style placard which bears on both of its sides: (A) The international 1173 symbol of access in a height of three inches or more centered on such 1174 placard and colored white on a blue background; (B) a unique 1175 identification number; (C) a date of expiration; and (D) a statement 1176 indicating that the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles issued 1177 such placard;
- 1178 (3) "Temporary removable windshield placard" means a placard that is the same as a removable windshield placard except that the international symbol of access appears on a red background; and
- 1181 (4) "Person with disabilities" means a person with disabilities which 1182 limit or impair the ability to walk, as defined in 23 CFR Part 1235.2.
  - (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept applications and renewal applications for special license plates and removable windshield placards from (1) any person who is blind, as defined in section 1-1f; (2) any person with disabilities; [which limit or impair the ability to walk, as defined in 23 CFR Part 1235.2;] (3) any parent or guardian of any [blind] person who is blind or any person with disabilities, [who] if such person is under eighteen years of age at the time of application; [and] (4) any parent or guardian of any person who is blind or any person with disabilities, if such person is unable to

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1192 request or complete an application; and (5) any organization which 1193 meets criteria established by the commissioner and which certifies to 1194 the commissioner's satisfaction that the vehicle for which a plate or 1195 placard is requested is primarily used to transport [blind] persons who 1196 are blind or persons with disabilities. [which limit or impair their 1197 ability to walk.] On and after January 1, 2010, no person shall be issued 1198 a placard in accordance with this section unless such person is the 1199 holder of a valid motor vehicle operator's license, or identification card 1200 issued in accordance with the provisions of section 1-1h. The 1201 commissioner is authorized to adopt regulations for the issuance of 1202 placards to persons who, by reason of hardship, do not hold or cannot 1203 obtain an operator's license or identification card. The commissioner 1204 shall maintain a record of each placard issued to any such person. Such 1205 applications and renewal applications shall be on a form prescribed by 1206 the commissioner and shall include certification of disability from a 1207 licensed physician, [physician's assistant or advanced practice registered nurse, licensed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1208 1209 378,] or certification of legal blindness from the Board of Education 1210 and Services for the Blind, an ophthalmologist or an optometrist. In the 1211 case of persons with disabilities, [which limit or impair the ability to 1212 walk,] the application shall also include certification from a licensed 1213 physician, an advanced practice registered nurse, licensed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 378, or a member of the 1214 1215 handicapped driver training unit established pursuant to section 14-1216 11b that the applicant meets the definition of persons with disabilities 1217 which limit or impair the ability to walk, as defined in 23 CFR Section 1218 1235.2. The commissioner, in said commissioner's discretion, may 1219 accept the discharge papers of a disabled veteran, as defined in section 1220 14-254, in lieu of such certification. The commissioner may require 1221 additional certification at the time of the original application or at any 1222 time thereafter. If a person who has been requested to submit 1223 additional certification fails to do so within thirty days of the request, 1224 or if such additional certification is deemed by the commissioner to be 1225 unfavorable to the applicant, the commissioner may refuse to issue or, 1226 if already issued, suspend or revoke such special license plate or

[removable windshield] placard. The commissioner shall not [be required to] issue more than one [removable windshield] placard per applicant. The fee for the issuance of a temporary removable windshield placard shall be five dollars. Any person whose application has been denied or whose special license plate or [removable windshield] placard has been suspended or revoked shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

- (c) Any person who is eligible to obtain a special license plate pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and who has a motor vehicle registered in his name as a passenger vehicle, passenger and commercial vehicle or motorcycle shall be issued, upon approval of the application, number plates in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-21b, which shall bear letters or numerals or any combination thereof followed by the international access symbol. The registration of any motor vehicle for which a special license plate is issued shall expire and be renewed as provided in section 14-22 and be subject to the fee provisions of section 14-49. No person shall be issued such number plates for the registration of more than two motor vehicles. Any person eligible to obtain a special license plate pursuant to this section who transfers the expired registration of a motor vehicle owned by him and replaces his number plate with a special license plate shall be exempt from payment of any fee for such transfer or replacement. [Any special license plate issued pursuant to this section shall be returned to the commissioner upon the subsequent change of residence to another state or death of the person to whom such special license plate was issued.]
- (d) Any [removable windshield] placard issued pursuant to this section shall be displayed by hanging it from the front windshield rearview mirror of the vehicle when utilizing a parking space reserved for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities. If there is no rearview mirror in such vehicle, the placard shall be displayed in clear view on the dashboard of such vehicle.

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(e) Vehicles displaying a special license plate or a [removable windshield] placard issued pursuant to this section or by authorities of other states or countries for the purpose of identifying vehicles permitted to utilize parking spaces reserved for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities, [which limit or impair their ability to walk or blind persons, shall be allowed to park in an area where parking is legally permissible, for an unlimited period of time without penalty, notwithstanding the period of time indicated as lawful by any (1) parking meter, or (2) sign erected and maintained in accordance with the provisions of chapter 249, provided the operator of or a passenger in such motor vehicle is a [blind] person who is blind or a person with disabilities. A [removable windshield] placard shall not be displayed on any motor vehicle when such vehicle is not being operated by or carrying as a passenger [the blind] a person who is <u>blind</u> or a person with disabilities to whom the [removable windshield] placard was issued. Vehicles bearing a special license plate shall not utilize parking spaces reserved for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities when such vehicles are not being operated by or carrying as a passenger [the blind] a person who is blind or a person with disabilities to whom such special license plate was issued.

(f) Only those motor vehicles displaying a plate or placard issued pursuant to this section shall be authorized to park in public or private areas reserved for exclusive use by [blind] persons who are blind or persons with disabilities, except that any ambulance, as defined in section 19a-175, which is transporting a patient may park in such area for a period not to exceed fifteen minutes while assisting such patient. Any motor vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this subsection for the third or subsequent time shall be subject to being towed from such designated area. Such vehicle shall be impounded until payment of any fines incurred is received. No person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of leasing or renting motor vehicles without drivers in this state may be held liable for any acts of the lessee constituting a violation of the provisions of this subsection.

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(g) The State Traffic Commission, on any state highway, or local traffic authority, on any highway or street under its control, shall establish parking spaces in parking areas for twenty or more cars in which parking shall be prohibited to all motor vehicles except vehicles displaying a special license plate or a [removable windshield] placard issued pursuant to this section. Parking spaces in which parking shall be prohibited to all motor vehicles except vehicles displaying such special plate or placard shall be established in private parking areas for two hundred or more cars according to the following schedule:

T1	Total Number	Number of Special
T2	Of Parking Lot Spaces	Parking Spaces Required
T3	0 – 200	Exempt
T4	201 - 1000	1.0%
T5	1001 - 2000	10 plus 0.8% of spaces
T6		over 1000
T7	2001 - 3000	18 plus 0.6% of spaces
T8		over 2000
T9	3001 - 4000	24 plus 0.4% of spaces
T10		over 3000
T11	4001 or more	28 plus 0.2% of spaces
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All such spaces shall be designated as reserved for exclusive use by [handicapped] persons who are blind and persons with disabilities and identified by the use of signs in accordance with subsection (h) of this

section. Such parking spaces shall be adjacent to curb cuts or other unobstructed methods permitting sidewalk access to a [blind] person who is blind or [handicapped] a person with disabilities and shall be fifteen feet wide, including three feet of cross hatch, or be parallel to a sidewalk. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply (1) in the event the State Building Code imposes more stringent requirements as to the size of the private parking area in which special parking spaces are required or as to the number of special parking spaces required, or (2) in the event a municipal ordinance imposes more stringent requirements as to the size of existing private parking areas in which special parking spaces are required or as to the number of special parking spaces required.

- (h) Parking spaces designated for [the handicapped] persons who are blind and persons with disabilities on or after October 1, 1979, and prior to October 1, 2004, shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway and shall be fifteen feet wide including three feet of cross hatch, or parallel to a sidewalk on a public highway. On and after October 1, 2004, parking spaces for passenger motor vehicles designated for [the handicapped] persons who are blind and persons with disabilities shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway and shall be fifteen feet wide including five feet of cross hatch. On and after October 1, 2004, parking spaces for passenger vans designated for [the handicapped] persons who are blind and persons with disabilities shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway and shall be sixteen feet wide including eight feet of cross hatch. Such spaces shall be designated by above grade signs with white lettering against a blue background and shall bear the words "handicapped parking permit required" and "violators will be fined". Such sign shall also bear the international symbol of access. When such a sign is replaced, repaired or erected it shall indicate the minimum fine for a violation of subsection (f) of this section. Such indicator may be in the form of a notice affixed to such a sign.
- 1338 (i) Any public parking garage or terminal, as defined in the State 1339 Building Code, constructed under a building permit application filed

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on or after October 1, 1985, and prior to October 1, 2004, shall have nine feet six inches' vertical clearance at a primary entrance and along the route to at least two parking spaces which conform with the requirements of subsection (h) of this section and which have nine feet six inches' vertical clearance unless an exemption has been granted pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) of section 29-269. Each public parking garage or terminal, as defined in the State Building Code, constructed under a building permit application filed on or after October 1, 2004, shall have eight feet two inches' vertical clearance at a primary entrance and along the route to at least two parking spaces for passenger vans which conform with the requirements of subsection (h) of this section and which have eight feet two inches' vertical clearance unless an exemption has been granted pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) of section 29-269.

- (j) The commissioner may suspend or revoke any plate or placard issued pursuant to this section when, after affording the person to whom such plate or placard was issued an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with chapter 54, the commissioner or his representative determines that such person has used or permitted the use of such plate or placard in a manner which violates the provisions of this section.
- (k) Nothing in this section may be construed to allow a [blind] person who is blind or a person with disabilities who is a bona fide resident of the state to park in a public or private area reserved for the exclusive use of [handicapped] persons who are blind and persons with disabilities as provided in this section if such person does not display upon or within his vehicle a plate or placard issued pursuant to this section.
- (l) [Violation of] <u>Any person who violates</u> any provision of this section <u>for which a penalty or fine is not otherwise provided</u> shall, for a first violation, be subject to a fine of one hundred fifty dollars, and for a subsequent violation, be subject to a fine of two hundred fifty dollars.

(m) Any placard or special license plate issued pursuant to this section shall be returned to the commissioner upon the subsequent change of residence to another state or death of the person to whom such placard or license plate was issued. Any person who uses a placard or a special license plate issued pursuant to this section after the death of the person to whom such placard or special license plate was issued shall be fined five hundred dollars.

- (n) The commissioner shall develop a procedure for the renewal of existing placards. The procedure may be implemented over a period of several years. Any renewal of such placards shall require the issuance of a new placard in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- 1384 (o) The commissioner shall periodically check the Department of
  1385 Public Health's state registration of deaths and shall cancel any placard
  1386 issued to an individual identified in such registry as deceased.
  - [(m)] (p) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of this chapter and to establish a uniform system for the issuance, renewal and regulation of special license plates, removable windshield placards and temporary removable windshield placards. Such plates and placards shall be used only by persons to whom such plates and placards are issued.
  - Sec. 38. (Effective from passage) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with members of municipal police departments, shall: (1) Review and evaluate alternative methods of enforcement of statutory provisions concerning parking for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities in areas not normally patrolled by municipal police officers, including private property open to public use; (2) develop recommendations, including proposed legislation, authorizing municipal police departments to employ ancillary staff for such enforcement, such as retired police officers and licensed private security companies; and (3) recommend increased fines and a mandatory court appearance for persons who violate such provisions.

1405 The commissioner shall submit such recommendations and proposed

- legislation, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
- 1407 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
- 1408 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the Department of
- 1409 Motor Vehicles, not later than January 15, 2010.
- 1410 Sec. 39. Subsection (w) of section 14-49 of the general statutes is
- 1411 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 1412 *October* 1, 2009):
- 1413 (w) In addition to the fee established for the issuance of motor
- 1414 vehicle number plates and except as provided in subsection (a) of
- section 14-21b and subsection (c) of section 14-253a there shall be an
- 1416 additional safety fee of five dollars charged at the time of issuance of
- 1417 any reflectorized safety number plate or set of plates. All moneys
- 1418 derived from said safety fee shall be deposited in the Special
- 1419 Transportation Fund. [The commissioner may waive said safety fee in
- 1420 the case of any person who submits a police report to the
- 1421 commissioner indicating that the number plate or set of number plates
- 1422 have been stolen or mutilated.]
- Sec. 40. Subsection (c) of section 14-50a of the general statutes is
- 1424 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 1425 *October 1, 2009*):
- 1426 (c) The commissioner may waive any fee specified in subdivision (3)
- or (4) of subsection (a) of this section in the case of any person who
- submits a police report to the commissioner indicating that the number
- plate or set of number plates have been stolen or mutilated. [for the
- 1430 purpose of obtaining the sticker attached to the plate denoting the
- 1431 expiration date of the registration.]
- Sec. 41. Subdivision (98) of section 14-1 of the general statutes is
- 1433 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 1434 *October* 1, 2009):
- 1435 (98) "Utility trailer" means a trailer designed and used to transport

1436 personal property, materials or equipment, whether or not

- permanently affixed to the bed of the trailer; [, with a manufacturer's
- 1438 GVWR of ten thousand pounds or less;]
- Sec. 42. Subsection (i) of section 14-227a of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective

(i) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall permit a person

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- 1443 whose license has been suspended in accordance with the provisions 1444 of subparagraph (C)(ii) of subdivision (2) of subsection (g) of this 1445 section to operate a motor vehicle if (A) such person has served not 1446 less than one year of such suspension, and (B) such person has 1447 installed an approved ignition interlock device in each motor vehicle 1448 owned or to be operated by such person. [No] Except as provided in 1449 sections 53a-56b and 53a-60d, no person whose license is suspended by 1450 the commissioner for any other reason shall be eligible to operate a 1451 motor vehicle equipped with an approved ignition interlock device. (2) 1452 All costs of installing and maintaining an ignition interlock device 1453 shall be borne by the person required to install such device. (3) The 1454 commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the 1455 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this 1456 subsection. The regulations shall establish procedures for the approval 1457 of ignition interlock devices, for the proper calibration and 1458 maintenance of such devices and for the installation of such devices by 1459 any firm approved and authorized by the commissioner. (4) The 1460 provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to authorize the 1461 continued operation of a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition 1462 interlock device by any person whose operator's license or nonresident 1463 operating privilege is withdrawn, suspended or revoked for any other 1464 reason. (5) The provisions of this subsection shall apply to any person
- 1468 Sec. 43. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2009) The owner of a commercial

whose license has been suspended in accordance with the provisions

of subparagraph (C)(ii) of subdivision (2) of subsection (g) of this

section on or after September 1, 2003.

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motor vehicle that is equipped with an auxiliary power or idle reduction technology unit shall, subject to the conditions described in this section, be granted a weight tolerance exemption from the gross, total axle, total tandem or bridge formula weight limits established by section 14-267a of the general statutes. Such weight tolerance exemption shall authorize the operation of such commercial motor vehicle with additional weight equal to the actual weight of the auxiliary power or idle reduction technology unit, but not exceeding four hundred pounds. Such exemption may be granted by any official or law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the provisions of said section 14-267a. To qualify for a weight tolerance exemption, an owner may be required to produce a written certification of the weight of such unit, and to show, by means of a written certification or physical demonstration, that the unit is fully functional at all times. As used in this section, "auxiliary power or idle reduction technology unit" means an integrated system, other than the vehicle's engine, that provides heat, air conditioning, engine warming, electric components or power to do the work for which the vehicle is designed.

Sec. 44. Subsection (a) of section 1 of substitute house bill 5894 of the current session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

(a) For the purpose of this section "emergency vehicle" means any vehicle with activated flashing lights (1) operated by a member of an emergency medical service organization responding to an emergency call, (2) operated by a fire department or by any officer of a fire department responding to a fire or other emergency, (3) operated by a police officer, (4) that is a maintenance vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes, or (5) that is a wrecker, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes, "police officer" [means a sworn member of the Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety or an organized local police department] has the meaning set forth in section 7-294a of the general statutes and "highway" means a state or public highway with three or more travel lanes that proceed in the same direction.

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Sec. 45. Section 42-159 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):

1505 As used in this chapter:

- 1506 (1) "Self-service storage facility" means any real property designed 1507 and used for the renting or leasing of individual self-contained units of 1508 storage space to occupants who are to have access to such units for 1509 storing and removing personal property only, and not for residential 1510 purposes. A self-service storage facility and an owner are not a 1511 warehouse, as defined in section 42a-7-102, except that if an owner 1512 issues a document of title, as defined in section 42a-1-201, for the 1513 personal property stored, the owner and the occupant are subject to 1514 the provisions of article 7 of the Uniform Commercial Code and the 1515 provisions of this chapter do not apply.
- 1516 (2) "Owner" means the owner, operator, lessor, or sublessor of a self-1517 service storage facility, his agent, or any other person authorized by 1518 him to manage the facility or to receive rent from an occupant under a 1519 rental agreement.
- 1520 (3) "Occupant" means a person, or the sublessee, successor, or assignee of a person, entitled to the use of a storage unit at a self-service storage facility under a rental agreement, to the exclusion of others.
- (4) "Rental agreement" means any written agreement or lease that establishes or modifies the terms, conditions, rules or any other provisions concerning the use and occupancy of a unit in a self-service storage facility.
- 1528 (5) "Personal property" means movable property not affixed to land 1529 and includes, but is not limited to, goods, merchandise, [and] 1530 household items and motor vehicles.
- 1531 (6) "Last known address" means that address provided by the occupant in the latest rental agreement or the address provided by the

occupant in a subsequent written notice of a change of address.

- 1534 (7) "Default" means failure to perform any obligation or duty 1535 imposed by a rental agreement or by this chapter.
- Sec. 46. Section 42-160 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):
- 1538 (a) The owner of a self-service storage facility shall have a lien upon 1539 all personal property located at such facility for the amounts of any 1540 rent, labor or other valid charges incurred in relation to such personal 1541 property, for any valid expenses incurred in the necessary preservation 1542 of such personal property and for any expenses reasonably incurred in 1543 the sale or other disposition of such personal property pursuant to law. 1544 Such lien attaches on the date of default by the occupant. 1545 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 42a-9-333 such lien shall not 1546 have priority over a lien or security interest which has attached or been 1547 perfected prior to such default.
  - (b) If such personal property is a motor vehicle, the owner of a selfservice storage facility shall contact the Department of Motor Vehicles in such manner as the commissioner shall prescribe for the purposes of determining the existence and identity of any lienholder and the name and address of the owner of the motor vehicle, as shown in the records of the department. The owner of a self-storage facility shall send a written notice to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles stating (1) the vehicle identification number of such motor vehicle, (2) the date such motor vehicle was left with the owner of such storage facility, (3) the date of default by the occupant, (4) the amount for which a lien is claimed, (5) the registration thereof if any number plates are on the motor vehicle, and (6) the name of the vehicle's owner and the name of the occupant who defaulted, and shall enclose a fee of five dollars. Such notice shall be placed on file by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and be open to public inspection. Within ten days of receipt of such information concerning any lienholder and the owner of such motor vehicle, as shown in said department's records, the owner of

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1565 such self-service storage facility shall send a written notice to any such 1566 lienholder and to the owner, if such owner is not the occupant, by postage paid registered or certified letter, return receipt requested, 1567 1568 stating that such motor vehicle (A) is being held by such facility owner, 1569 and (B) has a lien attached pursuant to this chapter. Any sale of a 1570 motor vehicle under the provisions of this section shall be void unless 1571 the written notice to the commissioner required by this subsection has 1572 been given.

(c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, (1) to specify the circumstances under which title to any motor vehicle abandoned at a self-storage facility may be transferred, and (2) to establish a procedure whereby the owner of a self-storage facility may obtain title to such motor vehicle.

Sec. 47. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2009) The Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council established under section 7-294b of the general statutes and each municipal police department shall be encouraged to provide in each basic or review police training program conducted or administered by said division or council or by such department, training on highway work zone safety that includes, but is not limited to, the following: (1) Enforcement of statutory provisions concerning endangerment of a highway worker, as defined in section 14-212d of the general statutes; (2) techniques for handling incidents of unsafe driving in a highway work zone; (3) risks associated with unsafe driving in a highway work zone; (4) safe traffic control practices set forth in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways published by the Federal Highway Administration under 23 CFR 655, Subpart F, as amended, such as the wearing of high-visibility safety apparel and the proper locating and positioning of law enforcement officers working in a highway work zone; and (5) general guidelines, standards and applications set forth in said manual, including, but not limited to, training on the proper use of traffic control devices and signs, and annual refresher training on such

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1599 guidelines, standards and applications. The Highway Work Zone 1600 Safety Advisory Council established by section 14-212e of the general statutes shall develop a program curriculum and shall make available 1602 and recommend such curriculum to the Division of State Police, the 1603 Police Officer Standards and Training Council and each municipal 1604 police department.

1605 Sec. 48. Subsection (a) of section 14-105 of the general statutes is 1606 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective 1607 October 1, 2009):

(a) No television screen or other device of a similar nature [, except a video display unit used for instrumentation purposes] shall be installed or used in this state in any position or location in a motor vehicle where [it] a moving image, other than text, may be visible to [the driver] a person who is operating the vehicle and is properly restrained by such person's seat belt or where it may in any other manner interfere with the safe operation and control of the vehicle. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to screens or devices [installed by the manufacturer of the motor vehicle] meeting one or more of the following criteria: (1) A closed video monitor that is used [only for] to assist the operator while backing, [or] parking, maneuvering at a speed of not more than twelve miles per hour, or monitoring passengers seated rearward of the operator; (2) a video display unit or device that is capable of operation only when the vehicle is stationary and is automatically disabled whenever the wheels of the vehicle are in motion; [or] (3) a video display unit or device that is used to enhance or supplement the [driver's] operator's view of the Jarea immediately surrounding the vehicle to assist in lowspeed maneuvering at not more than ten miles per hour around obstructions roadway or to assist the operator in object detection; (4) a video display unit used for control or instrumentation purposes, to provide vehicle information, or to assist in the operation of navigation, related traffic, road and weather information functions; or (5) a video display unit or device that is installed in any emergency vehicle.

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Sec. 49. Subdivision (53) of section 14-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

- (53) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled or drawn by any nonmuscular power, except aircraft, motor boats, road rollers, baggage trucks used about railroad stations or other mass transit facilities, electric battery-operated wheel chairs when operated by physically handicapped persons at speeds not exceeding fifteen miles per hour, golf carts operated on highways solely for the purpose of crossing from one part of the golf course to another, golf-cart-type vehicles operated on roads or highways on the grounds of state institutions by state employees, agricultural tractors, farm implements, such vehicles as run only on rails or tracks, self-propelled snow plows, snow blowers and lawn mowers, when used for the purposes for which they were designed and operated at speeds not exceeding four miles per hour, whether or not the operator rides on or walks behind such equipment, [bicycles with helper motors] motor-driven cycles as defined in section 14-286, special mobile equipment as defined in subsection (i) of section 14-165, mini-motorcycles, as defined in section 14-289j, and any other vehicle not suitable for operation on a highway.
- Sec. 50. Section 14-44i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2009):
  - (a) There shall be charged a fee of sixty dollars for each renewal of a commercial driver's license.
  - (b) There shall be charged for each commercial driver's license knowledge test a fee of sixteen dollars. There shall be charged for each commercial driver's license skills test a fee of thirty dollars. There shall be charged for each commercial driver's license learner's permit a fee of ten dollars.
- 1661 (c) There shall be charged, in addition to the fee provided in 1662 subsection (b) of this section for the commercial driver's license 1663 knowledge test, a fee of five dollars for each test for an endorsement to

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- (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall waive the fees
   established by subsection (b) of this section in the case of any person
   who applies for a commercial driver's license with an "S" endorsement.
- Sec. 51. Subsection (d) of section 14-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* 1675 October 1, 2009):
  - (d) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant has held a learner's permit and has satisfied the requirements specified in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) present to the [commissioner] Commissioner of Motor Vehicles a certificate of the successful completion (i) in a public secondary school, a state vocational school or a private secondary school of a full course of study in motor vehicle operation prepared as provided in section 14-36e, (ii) of training of similar nature provided by a licensed drivers' school approved by the commissioner, or (iii) of home training in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, including, in each case, or by a combination of such types of training, successful completion of: Not less than twenty clock hours of behind-the-wheel, on-the-road instruction for applicants to whom a learner's permit is issued before August 1, 2008; and not less than forty clock hours of behind-the-wheel, on-the-road instruction for applicants to whom a learner's permit is issued on or after August 1, 2008; (B) present to the commissioner a certificate of the successful completion of a course of not less than eight hours relative to safe driving practices, including a minimum of four hours on the nature and the medical, biological and physiological effects of alcohol and drugs and their impact on the

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1767 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the 1768 purposes of this subsection concerning the requirements for behind-1769 the-wheel, on-the-road instruction, [and] the content of safe driving 1770 instruction at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary 1771 schools, and the administration and certification of required testing.

- 1772 Sec. 52. Subsection (b) of section 14-50 of the general statutes is 1773 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective 1774 October 1, 2009):
- 1775 (b) There shall be charged for each examination of an operator of a 1776 motor vehicle a fee of forty dollars which shall be paid in such time 1777 and manner as the commissioner shall direct. The fee shall cover all 1778 parts of the examination. If the applicant fails the examination, or any 1779 part thereof, the applicant shall be charged an additional fee of forty 1780 dollars to retake the examination, or retake the part that was failed. 1781 There may be charged for each advance appointment for an operator's 1782 license examination a fee of fifteen dollars which fee shall be paid to 1783 the commissioner at least six business days prior to the date of the 1784 appointment and shall be applied toward the examination fee if the 1785 applicant keeps the appointment. If the applicant fails to keep the appointment, the appointment fee shall be forfeited, unless (1) in the 1786 1787 judgment of the commissioner, the applicant's failure to keep the 1788 appointment was due to exigent circumstances, or (2) the applicant 1789 reschedules the appointment.]
- 1790 Sec. 53. Section 42-224 of the general statutes is repealed and the 1791 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):
- 1792 (a) A used motor vehicle may be sold "as is" by a dealer only if its 1793 cash purchase price is less than three thousand dollars or if such used 1794 motor vehicle is seven years of age or older, which age shall be 1795 calculated from the first day in January of the designated model year 1796 of such vehicle.
- 1797 (b) No "as is" disclaimer by a dealer shall be enforceable unless all of 1798 the following conditions are met:

1799 (1) A disclaimer shall appear on the front page of the contract of 1800 sale, which shall read as follows: 1801 "AS IS" 1802 THIS VEHICLE IS SOLD "AS IS". THIS MEANS 1803 THAT YOU WILL LOSE YOUR IMPLIED WARRANTIES. 1804 YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR ANY REPAIRS 1805 NEEDED AFTER SALE. 1806 IF WE HAVE MADE ANY PROMISES TO YOU, THE 1807 LAW SAYS WE MUST KEEP THEM, 1808 EVEN IF WE SELL "AS IS". 1809 TO PROTECT YOURSELF, 1810 ASK US: 1. TO PUT ALL PROMISES INTO WRITING, AND 1811 1812 2. IF WE OFFER A WARRANTY ON THIS VEHICLE. 1813 (2) The text of the disclaimer shall be printed in twelve-point 1814 boldface type, except the heading shall be in sixteen-point extra 1815 boldface type. The entire notice shall be boxed. 1816 (3) The consumer shall indicate his assent to the disclaimer by 1817 signing his name within the box containing the disclaimer. 1818 (c) An "as is" sale of a used motor vehicle waives implied warranties 1819 but shall not waive any express warranties, whether oral or written, 1820 which may have been made nor shall it affect the dealer's 1821 responsibility for any representations which may have been made, 1822 whether oral or written, upon which the buyer relied in entering into 1823 the transaction. 1824 (d) Nothing in sections 42-220 to 42-226, inclusive, shall be 1825 construed to limit the effect of any other requirements of law or of any 1826 representations on a certificate of title that the vehicle is in suitable 1827 condition for legal operation on the highways of this state. 1828 Sec. 54. Subdivision (80) of section 14-1 of the general statutes is 1829 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective

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(80) "Serious traffic violation" means a conviction of any of the following offenses: (A) [Speeding in excess of fifteen miles per hour or more over the posted speed limit] Excessive speeding, involving a single offense in which the speed is fifteen miles per hour or more above the posted speed limit, in violation of section 14-218a or 14-219; (B) reckless driving in violation of section 14-222; (C) following too closely in violation of section 14-240 or 14-240a; (D) improper or erratic lane changes, in violation of section 14-236; (E) driving a commercial motor vehicle without a valid commercial driver's license in violation of section 14-36a or 14-44a; (F) failure to carry a commercial driver's license in violation of section 14-44a; (G) failure to have the proper class of license or endorsement, or violation of a license restriction in violation of section 14-44a; or (H) arising in connection with an accident related to the operation of a commercial motor vehicle and which resulted in a fatality.

Sec. 55. (Effective from passage) The Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Department of Motor Vehicles, and with the use of appropriate models, approved by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, shall evaluate whether the present system for conducting motor vehicle emissions inspections could be replaced, upon expiration of the existing contract for providing such inspection system, by a system based on the exclusive utilization of onboard diagnostic information systems for model year 1996 and newer motor vehicles, and remain in compliance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act. The evaluation shall be completed and provided to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles at least six months before said commissioner, in accordance with the provisions of section 14-164c of the general statutes, enters into a negotiated agreement or agreements, notwithstanding the provisions of chapters 50, 58, 59 and 60 of the general statutes, with an independent contractor or contractors to provide the inspection system required pursuant to said section 14-164c.

Sec. 56. Section 14-45 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

- (a) A person holding (1) a license for the operation of a motor vehicle, issued by the [commissioner] Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in accordance with section 14-36, or (2) an identity card, issued by said commissioner in accordance with section 1-1h, shall notify the commissioner within forty-eight hours of any change of [his] such address. The notification shall include [his] such person's old address and [his] new address.
- (b) In IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (14) of 1872 1873 subsection (b) of section 46b-231, upon written notification by the 1874 Department of Social Services that the address listed for the holder of a 1875 motor vehicle operator's license, or the holder of an identity card is 1876 incorrect, the [commissioner] Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall 1877 notify the operator that the correct address must be furnished to the 1878 department. The commissioner shall refuse to issue or renew a motor 1879 vehicle operator's license if the address furnished by the applicant is 1880 determined to be incorrect. The department shall notify the 1881 Department of Social Services of the current address of holders of 1882 motor vehicle operator's licenses when a change of address is reported.
- 1883 (c) Failure of the holder of a motor vehicle operator's license <u>or</u> 1884 <u>identity card</u> to give the notice required by this section shall be an 1885 infraction.
- Sec. 57. Subsection (d) of section 14-111k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2009):
- (d) If the commissioner issues an identification card to a person who holds an operator's license issued by another jurisdiction, the commissioner shall report to such jurisdiction within thirty days the name of such person and such other information concerning such person and such identification card as is [(1)] required by the driver license agreement. [, and (2) set forth in regulations adopted by the

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Sec. 58. Section 14-19a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

- (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to establish (1) standards for the issuance of a special certificate of registration and special number plates to a member of an organization which qualifies for issuance, (2) qualifications of organizations whose members wish to apply for such special registrations, (3) procedures for application for such special registration, and (4) a fee for such special number plates which shall cover at least the entire cost of making the plates and which shall be in addition to the fee for registration of the motor vehicle. The regulations shall provide that a labor union shall be a qualifying organization.
- (b) The Department of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Board of Governors of the Department of Higher Education, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish standards for the issuance and renewal of collegiate special number plates with the logos or emblems of Connecticut public and independent institutions of higher education. [to individuals who meet the requirements established by the regulations adopted pursuant to this subsection. The regulations shall: (1) Establish the criteria necessary for a Connecticut institution of higher education to be eligible to have a special number plate issued with the logo or emblem of the institution; (2) provide for the issuance or renewal of such a plate upon the receipt of a form certified by the institution that a contribution of at least fifty dollars was made to a scholarship fund or scholarship account at such an institution prior to each such issuance and renewal. Each such renewal shall occur at the time of each renewal of the motor vehicle's registration; (3) the fee established in subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this section; (4) any registration fee required by the commissioner pursuant to section 14-12; and (5) any additional information or fees required by the commissioner. All contributions to

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- (c) On or after July 1, 2004, the commissioner may issue special certificates of registration and special number plates in accordance with the regulations adopted under subsection (a) of this section provided [he] the commissioner may not issue a set of special number plates bearing the same numerals as any other plate issued by the department. The commissioner may discontinue the issuance of any such special number plates issued for a qualified organization, or special plates issued in accordance with the provisions of sections 14-21f to 14-21p, inclusive, and section 59 of this act, at any time, upon written notice to the organization if, in the opinion of the commissioner, the demand for such plates is insufficient to support the costs of production.
- Sec. 59. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2009) (a) On or after October 1, 2009, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, within available appropriations, may issue a collegiate commemorative number plate with a design containing the logo or emblem of an institution of higher education as determined by such institution of higher education, if such institution of higher education requests that a collegiate commemorative number plate be issued and demonstrates that there is a demand for at least four hundred collegiate commemorative number plates with a design containing the logo or emblem of such institution of higher education.
- (b) If the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles establishes a collegiate commemorative number plate for an institution of higher education pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner shall charge a fee of fifty-five dollars for such collegiate commemorative number plates in addition to the regular fee or fees prescribed for the registration of the motor vehicle. Fifteen dollars of such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing and

replacing such number plates, and forty dollars of such fee shall be deposited in the account established under subsection (d) of this section. No transfer fee shall be charged for the transfer of an existing registration to or from a registration with collegiate commemorative number plates. Such number plates shall have letters and numbers selected by the commissioner. The commissioner may establish a higher fee for number plates: (1) That contain the numbers and letters from a previously issued number plate; (2) that contain any combination of letters or numbers requested by the registrant as authorized by section 14-49 of the general statutes, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under said section; and (3) that are low number plates, issued in accordance with section 14-160 of the general statutes, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under said section All fees established and collected pursuant to this section, except the amount deposited in the account controlled by the Department of Motor Vehicles, shall be deposited in the account established under subsection (d) of this section. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and replacement of collegiate commemorative number plates.

- (c) A renewal fee of fifty-five dollars shall be charged for renewal of registration of a motor vehicle bearing a collegiate commemorative number plate, in addition to the regular fee or fees prescribed for renewal of registration of a motor vehicle. Five dollars of the renewal fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing and replacing collegiate commemorative number plates.
- (d) The Comptroller shall establish an account for each institution of higher education for which the commissioner has established a commemorative number plate pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Each such account shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. Such account shall contain any moneys required to be deposited in the account pursuant to this section. The

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Sec. 60. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2009) (a) On and after January 1, 2010, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may issue, within available appropriations, Share the Road commemorative number plates of a design to enhance public awareness of the rights and responsibilities of both motorists and bicyclists while jointly using the highways of this state. The design shall be determined by agreement between the Department of Transportation and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with an organization advocating on behalf of bicyclists. No use shall be made of such plates except as official registration marker plates.

(b) A fee of sixty dollars shall be charged for Share the Road commemorative number plates, in addition to the regular fee or fees prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle. Fifteen dollars of such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing and replacing such number plates and forty-five dollars of such fee shall be deposited in the account established under subsection (d) of this section. No additional fee shall be charged in connection with the renewal of such number plates. No transfer fee shall be charged for transfer of an existing registration to or from a registration with Share the Road commemorative number plates. Such number plates shall have letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The commissioner may establish a higher fee for: (1) Number plates that contain the numbers and letters from a previously issued number plate; (2) number plates that contain letters in place of numbers as authorized by section 14-49 of the general statutes, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for registration under said section; and (3) number plates that are low number plates issued in

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- (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation, may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and replacement of Share the Road commemorative number plates.
- (d) There is established a Share the Road account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. The funds in the account shall be expended by the Department of Transportation to enhance public awareness of the rights and responsibilities of bicyclists and motorists while jointly using the highways of this state and to promote bicycle use and safety in this state. The Commissioner of Transportation may receive private donations to said account and any such receipts shall be deposited in said account.
  - (e) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may provide for the reproduction and marketing of the Share the Road commemorative number plate image for use on clothing, recreational equipment, posters, mementoes or other products or programs deemed by the commissioner to be suitable as a means of supporting the Share the Road account established under subsection (d) of this section. Any moneys received by the commissioner from such marketing shall be deposited in said account.
- Sec. 61. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) With respect to a dealer, as defined in section 42-133r of the general statutes, of recreational vehicles, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes, the

provisions of sections 42-133r to 42-133ee, inclusive, of the general statutes applicable to any such dealer shall be the provisions of said sections in effect on January 1, 2009.

- Sec. 62. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-227a of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):
- 2067 (a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle while under the 2068 influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or both. A person commits 2069 the offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of 2070 intoxicating liquor or any drug or both if such person operates a motor 2071 vehicle (1) while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug 2072 or both, or (2) while such person has an elevated blood alcohol content. 2073 For the purposes of this section, "elevated blood alcohol content" 2074 means a ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person that is eight-2075 hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, except that if 2076 such person is operating a commercial motor vehicle, "elevated blood 2077 alcohol content" means a ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person 2078 that is four-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, 2079 and "motor vehicle" includes a snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle, as 2080 those terms are defined in section 14-379.
  - (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, in any criminal prosecution for violation of subsection (a) of this section, evidence respecting the amount of alcohol or drug in the defendant's blood or urine at the time of the alleged offense, as shown by a chemical analysis of the defendant's breath, blood or urine shall be admissible and competent provided: (1) The defendant was afforded a reasonable opportunity to telephone an attorney prior to the performance of the test and consented to the taking of the test upon which such analysis is made; (2) a true copy of the report of the test result was mailed to or personally delivered to the defendant within twenty-four hours or by the end of the next regular business day, after such result was known, whichever is later; (3) the test was performed by or at the direction of a police officer according to methods and with

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equipment approved by the Department of Public Safety and was performed in accordance with the regulations adopted under subsection (d) of this section; (4) the device used for such test was checked for accuracy in accordance with the regulations adopted under subsection (d) of this section; (5) an additional chemical test of the same type was performed at least [thirty] ten minutes after the initial test was performed or, if requested by the police officer for reasonable cause, an additional chemical test of a different type was performed to detect the presence of a drug or drugs other than or in addition to alcohol, provided the results of the initial test shall not be inadmissible under this subsection if reasonable efforts were made to have such additional test performed in accordance with the conditions set forth in this subsection and such additional test was not performed or was not performed within a reasonable time, or the results of such additional test are not admissible for failure to meet a condition set forth in this subsection; and (6) evidence is presented that the test was commenced within two hours of operation. In any prosecution under this section it shall be a rebuttable presumption that the results of such chemical analysis establish the ratio of alcohol in the blood of the defendant at the time of the alleged offense, except that if the results of the additional test indicate that the ratio of alcohol in the blood of such defendant is [twelve-hundredths] ten-hundredths of one per cent or less of alcohol, by weight, and is higher than the results of the first test, evidence shall be presented that demonstrates that the test results and the analysis thereof accurately indicate the blood alcohol content at the time of the alleged offense.

- Sec. 63. Section 14-227b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):
- 2122 (a) Any person who operates a motor vehicle in this state shall be 2123 deemed to have given such person's consent to a chemical analysis of 2124 such person's blood, breath or urine and, if such person is a minor, 2125 such person's parent or parents or guardian shall also be deemed to 2126 have given their consent.

(b) If any such person, having been placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or both, and thereafter, after being apprised of such person's constitutional rights, having been requested to submit to a blood, breath or urine test at the option of the police officer, having been afforded a reasonable opportunity to telephone an attorney prior to the performance of such test and having been informed that such person's license or nonresident operating privilege may be suspended in accordance with the provisions of this section if such person refuses to submit to such test, or if such person submits to such test and the results of such test indicate that such person has an elevated blood alcohol content, and that evidence of any such refusal shall be admissible in accordance with subsection (e) of section 14-227a and may be used against such person in any criminal prosecution, refuses to submit to the designated test, the test shall not be given; provided, if the person refuses or is unable to submit to a blood test, the police officer shall designate the breath or urine test as the test to be taken. The police officer shall make a notation upon the records of the police department that such officer informed the person that such person's license or nonresident operating privilege may be suspended if such person refused to submit to such test or if such person submitted to such test and the results of such test indicated that such person had an elevated blood alcohol content.

(c) If the person arrested refuses to submit to such test or analysis or submits to such test or analysis, commenced within two hours of the time of operation, and the results of such test or analysis indicate that such person has an elevated blood alcohol content, the police officer, acting on behalf of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall immediately revoke and take possession of the motor vehicle operator's license or, if such person is a nonresident, suspend the nonresident operating privilege of such person, for a twenty-four-hour period. The police officer shall prepare a [written] report of the incident and shall mail or otherwise transmit in accordance with this subsection the report and a copy of the results of any chemical test or

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analysis to the Department of Motor Vehicles within three business days. The report shall [be made on a form approved] contain such information as prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and shall be subscribed and sworn to under penalty of false statement as provided in section 53a-157b by the arresting officer. If the person arrested refused to submit to such test or analysis, the report shall be endorsed by a third person who witnessed such refusal. The report shall set forth the grounds for the officer's belief that there was probable cause to arrest such person for [operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or both] a violation of subsection (a) of section 14-227a, as amended by this act, and shall state that such person had refused to submit to such test or analysis when requested by such police officer to do so or that such person submitted to such test or analysis, commenced within two hours of the time of operation, and the results of such test or analysis indicated that such person had an elevated blood alcohol content. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may accept a police report under this subsection that is prepared and transmitted as an electronic record, including electronic signature or signatures, subject to such security procedures as the commissioner may specify and in accordance with the provisions of sections 1-266 to 1-286, inclusive. In any hearing conducted pursuant to the provisions of subsection (g) of this section, it shall not be a ground for objection to the admissibility of a police report that it is an electronic record prepared by electronic means.

(d) If the person arrested submits to a blood or urine test at the request of the police officer, and the specimen requires laboratory analysis in order to obtain the test results, the police officer shall not take possession of the motor vehicle operator's license of such person or, except as provided in this subsection, follow the procedures subsequent to taking possession of the operator's license as set forth in subsection (c) of this section. If the test results indicate that such person has an elevated blood alcohol content, the police officer, immediately upon receipt of the test results, shall notify the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and submit to the commissioner the

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2195 written report required pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

(e) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, upon receipt of such report, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may suspend any operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of such person effective as of a date certain, which date shall be not later than thirty days after the date such person received notice of such person's arrest by the police officer. Any person whose operator's license or nonresident operating privilege has been suspended in accordance with this subdivision shall automatically be entitled to a hearing before the commissioner to be held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 and prior to the effective date of the suspension. The commissioner shall send a suspension notice to such person informing such person that such person's operator's license or nonresident operating privilege is suspended as of a date certain and that such person is entitled to a hearing prior to the effective date of the suspension and may schedule such hearing by contacting the Department of Motor Vehicles not later than seven days after the date of mailing of such suspension notice.

(2) If the person arrested (A) is involved in an accident resulting in a fatality, or (B) has previously had such person's operator's license or nonresident operating privilege suspended under the provisions of section 14-227a, as amended by this act, during the ten-year period preceding the present arrest, upon receipt of such report, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may suspend any operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of such person effective as of the date specified in a notice of such suspension to such person. Any person whose operator's license or nonresident operating privilege has been suspended in accordance with this subdivision shall automatically be entitled to a hearing before the commissioner, to be held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. The commissioner shall send a suspension notice to such person informing such person that such person's operator's license or nonresident operating privilege is suspended as of the date specified in such suspension notice, and that such person is entitled to a hearing and

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may schedule such hearing by contacting the Department of Motor Vehicles not later than seven days after the date of mailing of such suspension notice. Any suspension issued under this subdivision shall remain in effect until such suspension is affirmed or such operator's license or <u>nonresident</u> operating privilege is reinstated in accordance with subsections (f) and (h) of this section.

- (f) If such person does not contact the department to schedule a hearing, the commissioner shall affirm the suspension contained in the suspension notice for the appropriate period specified in subsection (i) or (j) of this section.
- (g) If such person contacts the department to schedule a hearing, the department shall assign a date, time and place for the hearing, which date shall be prior to the effective date of the suspension, except that, with respect to a person whose operator's license or nonresident operating privilege is suspended in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section, such hearing shall be scheduled not later than thirty days after such person contacts the department. At the request of such person or the hearing officer and upon a showing of good cause, the commissioner may grant one [continuance for a period not to exceed fifteen days] or more continuances. The hearing shall be limited to a determination of the following issues: (1) Did the police officer have probable cause to arrest the person for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or both; (2) was such person placed under arrest; (3) did such person refuse to submit to such test or analysis or did such person submit to such test or analysis, commenced within two hours of the time of operation, and the results of such test or analysis indicated that such person had an elevated blood alcohol content; and (4) was such person operating the motor vehicle. In the hearing, the results of the test or analysis shall be sufficient to indicate the ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person at the time of operation, [except that if the results of the additional test indicate that the ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person is twelve-hundredths of one per cent or less of alcohol, by weight, and is higher than the results of the first test, evidence shall be

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(h) If, after such hearing, the commissioner finds on any one of the said issues in the negative, the commissioner shall reinstate such license or operating privilege. If, after such hearing, the commissioner does not find on any one of the said issues in the negative or if such person fails to appear at such hearing, the commissioner shall affirm the suspension contained in the suspension notice for the appropriate period specified in subsection (i) or (j) of this section. The commissioner shall render a decision at the conclusion of such hearing [or] and send a notice of the decision by bulk certified mail to such person. Inot later than thirty days or, if a continuance is granted, not later than forty-five days from the date such person received notice of such person's arrest by the police officer.] The notice of such decision sent by bulk certified mail to the address of such person as shown by the records of the commissioner shall be sufficient notice to such person that such person's operator's license or nonresident operating privilege is reinstated or suspended, as the case may be. [Unless a continuance of the hearing is granted pursuant to subsection (g) of this section, if the commissioner fails to render a decision within thirty days from the date such person received notice of such person's arrest by the police officer, the commissioner shall reinstate such person's operator's license or nonresident operating privilege, provided notwithstanding such reinstatement the commissioner may render a decision not later than two days thereafter suspending such operator's license or nonresident operating privilege.]

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commissioner shall suspend the operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of a person who did not contact the department to schedule a hearing, who failed to appear at a hearing or against whom, after a hearing, the commissioner held pursuant to subsection (h) of this section, as of the effective date contained in the suspension notice or the date the commissioner renders a decision, whichever is later, for a period of: (1) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, ninety days, if such person submitted to a test or analysis and the results of such test or analysis indicated that such person had an elevated blood alcohol content, (B) one hundred twenty days, if such person submitted to a test or analysis and the results of such test or analysis indicated that the ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person was sixteen-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, or (C) six months if such person refused to submit to such test or analysis, (2) if such person has previously had such person's operator's license or nonresident operating privilege suspended under this section, (A) except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, nine months if such person submitted to a test or analysis and the results of such test or analysis indicated that such person had an elevated blood alcohol content, (B) ten months if such person submitted to a test or analysis and the results of such test or analysis indicated that the ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person was sixteen-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, and (C) one year if such person refused to submit to such test or analysis, and (3) if such person has two or more times previously had such person's operator's license or nonresident operating privilege suspended under this section, (A) except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, two years if such person submitted to a test or analysis and the results of such test or analysis indicated that such person had an elevated blood alcohol content, (B) two and one-half years if such person submitted to a test or analysis and the results of such test or analysis indicated that the ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person was sixteen-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, and (C) three years if such person refused to submit to such test or analysis.

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(j) The commissioner shall suspend the operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of a person under twenty-one years of age who did not contact the department to schedule a hearing, who failed to appear at a hearing or against whom, after a hearing the commissioner held pursuant to subsection (h) of this section, as of the effective date contained in the suspension notice or the date the commissioner renders a decision whichever is later, for twice the appropriate period of time specified in subsection (i) of this section, except that, in the case of a person who is sixteen or seventeen years of age at the time of the alleged offense, the period of suspension for a first offense shall be one year if such person submitted to a test or analysis and the results of such test or analysis indicated that such person had an elevated blood alcohol content or eighteen months if such person refused to submit to such test or analysis.

(k) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) to (j), inclusive, of this section, any police officer who obtains the results of a chemical analysis of a blood sample taken from an operator of a motor vehicle involved in an accident who suffered or allegedly suffered physical injury in such accident, or is otherwise deemed by a police officer to require treatment or observation at a hospital, shall notify the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and submit to the commissioner a written report if such results indicate that such person had an elevated blood alcohol content, and if such person was arrested for violation of section 14-227a in connection with such accident. The report shall be made on a form approved by the commissioner containing such information as the commissioner prescribes, and shall be subscribed and sworn to under penalty of false statement, as provided in section 53a-157b, by the police officer. The commissioner may, after notice and an opportunity for hearing, which shall be conducted by a hearing officer on behalf of the commissioner in accordance with chapter 54, suspend the motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of such person for the appropriate period of time specified in subsection (i) or (j) of this section. Each hearing conducted under this subsection shall be limited to a determination of the following issues:

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2366 (1) Whether the police officer had probable cause to arrest the person 2367 for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating 2368 liquor or drug or both; (2) whether such person was placed under 2369 arrest; (3) whether such person was operating the motor vehicle; (4) 2370 whether the results of the analysis of the blood of such person indicate 2371 that such person had an elevated blood alcohol content; and (5) 2372 whether the blood sample was obtained in accordance with conditions 2373 for admissibility and competence as evidence as set forth in subsection 2374 [(j)] (k) of section 14-227a. If, after such hearing, the commissioner 2375 finds on any one of the said issues in the negative, the commissioner 2376 shall not impose a suspension. The fees of any witness summoned to 2377 appear at the hearing shall be the same as provided by the general 2378 statutes for witnesses in criminal cases, as provided in section 52-260.

- (l) The provisions of this section shall apply with the same effect to the refusal by any person to submit to an additional chemical test as provided in subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of section 14-227a.
- (m) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person whose physical condition is such that, according to competent medical advice, such test would be inadvisable.
  - (n) The state shall pay the reasonable charges of any physician who, at the request of a municipal police department, takes a blood sample for purposes of a test under the provisions of this section.
  - (o) For the purposes of this section, "elevated blood alcohol content" means (1) a ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person that is eighthundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, [or] (2) if such person is operating a commercial motor vehicle, a ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person that is four-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, or (3) if such person is [under] less than twenty-one years of age, a ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person that is two-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight.
- 2396 (p) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in 2397 accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this

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- 2399 Sec. 64. Subsection (a) of section 14-227g of the general statutes is 2400 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective 2401 October 1, 2009):
- 2402 (a) No person [under] who is less than twenty-one years of age shall 2403 operate a motor vehicle [on a public highway of this state or on any 2404 road of a district organized under the provisions of chapter 105, a 2405 purpose of which is the construction and maintenance of roads and 2406 sidewalks, or on any private road on which a speed limit has been 2407 established in accordance with the provisions of section 14-218a, or in 2408 any parking area for ten or more cars or on any school property] while 2409 the ratio of alcohol in the blood of such person is two-hundredths of 2410 one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight.
- 2411 Sec. 65. Subsection (c) of section 14-18 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective 2412 2413 October 1, 2009):
- 2414 (c) [Such] Official number plates when displayed upon motor 2415 vehicles shall be entirely unobscured and the numerals and letters 2416 thereon shall be plainly legible at all times. Such number plates shall 2417 be horizontal, and shall be fastened so as not to swing and, during the 2418 time when a motor vehicle is required to display lights, the rear 2419 number plate shall be so illuminated as to be legible at a distance of 2420 fifty feet. [No plates, devices or attachments] Nothing may be affixed 2421 to [or covering] a motor vehicle or to the official number plates 2422 displayed on such vehicle that obscures or impairs the visibility of any 2423 <u>information on such number plates</u>. Not more than one number plate 2424 shall be displayed on the front or rear of any motor vehicle in 2425 operation upon the public highways of the state; provided any motor 2426 vehicle may, upon permission of the commissioner, display more than 2427 one number plate in front or rear, subject to such conditions as the commissioner prescribes. If any number plate supplied by the 2428 2429 commissioner is lost, or if the registered number thereon becomes

mutilated or illegible, the owner of or the person in control of the motor vehicle for which such number plate was furnished shall immediately place a temporary number plate bearing said registration number upon such motor vehicle, which temporary number plate shall conform to the regular number plate and shall be displayed as nearly as possible as herein provided for such regular number plate; and such owner shall, within forty-eight hours after such loss or mutilation of the number plate, give notice thereof to the commissioner and apply for a new number plate. The commissioner may issue a permit to operate with such temporary plate and shall supply new number plates upon payment of the fee therefor as provided in section 14-50a. Upon receipt of such new number plates and new certificate, the remaining old number plate, if any, and certificate shall be surrendered to the commissioner.

Sec. 66. Section 27 of public act 07-167 is repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

Sec. 67. Section 14-103b of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective January 1, 2010*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following					
sections:					
Section 1	from passage	14-36g(c)			
Sec. 2	from passage	14-36(c)			
Sec. 3	July 1, 2009	14-50(f)			
Sec. 4	from passage	14-111(b)(1)			
Sec. 5	October 1, 2009	14-111(b)(2)			
Sec. 6	from passage	14-227f			
Sec. 7	from passage	14-36j(a)			
Sec. 8	from passage	14-37b			
Sec. 9	from passage	New section			
Sec. 10	July 1, 2009	14-41(a)			
Sec. 11	July 1, 2009	14-44(a)			
Sec. 12	from passage	14-12(f)(1)			
Sec. 13	from passage	14-42(b)			
Sec. 14	from passage	14-219			

Sec. 15	July 1, 2009	14-61(b)
Sec. 16	July 1, 2009	14-164c(k)(1)
Sec. 17	July 1, 2009	14-67a
Sec. 18	July 1, 2009	14-67l(a)
Sec. 19	July 1, 2009	14-81
Sec. 20	July 1, 2009	14-163c
Sec. 21	July 1, 2009	14-274(c)
Sec. 22	July 1, 2009	14-270(g)
Sec. 23	October 1, 2009	14-35a
Sec. 24	October 1, 2009	14-58
Sec. 25	from passage	14-21v
Sec. 26	from passage	13b-99
Sec. 27	from passage	New section
Sec. 28	October 1, 2009	14-20
Sec. 29	October 1, 2009	12-71(b)
Sec. 30	October 1, 2009	14-16a(b)
Sec. 31	October 1, 2009	14-103a
Sec. 32	from passage	14-36g(a) and (b)
Sec. 33	October 1, 2009	New section
Sec. 34	October 1, 2009	14-1(63)
Sec. 35	October 1, 2009	14-111(k)(2)
Sec. 36	October 1, 2009	14-37a(a) to (c)
Sec. 37	from passage	14-253a
Sec. 38	from passage	New section
Sec. 39	October 1, 2009	14-49(w)
Sec. 40	October 1, 2009	14-50a(c)
Sec. 41	October 1, 2009	14-1(98)
Sec. 42	October 1, 2009	14-227a(i)
Sec. 43	October 1, 2009	New section
Sec. 44	October 1, 2009	HB 5894 (current
		session), Sec. 1(a)
Sec. 45	January 1, 2010	42-159
Sec. 46	January 1, 2010	42-160
Sec. 47	October 1, 2009	New section
Sec. 48	October 1, 2009	14-105(a)
Sec. 49	October 1, 2009	14-1(53)
Sec. 50	July 1, 2009	14-44i
Sec. 51	October 1, 2009	14-36(d)
Sec. 52	October 1, 2009	14-50(b)
Sec. 53	October 1, 2009	42-224

Sec. 54	October 1, 2009	14-1(80)
Sec. 55	from passage	New section
Sec. 56	July 1, 2009	14-45
Sec. 57	July 1, 2009	14-111k(d)
Sec. 58	October 1, 2009	14-19a
Sec. 59	October 1, 2009	New section
Sec. 60	July 1, 2009	New section
Sec. 61	from passage	New section
Sec. 62	October 1, 2009	14-227a(a) and (b)
Sec. 63	October 1, 2009	14-227b
Sec. 64	October 1, 2009	14-227g(a)
Sec. 65	October 1, 2009	14-18(c)
Sec. 66	from passage	Repealer section
Sec. 67	January 1, 2010	Repealer section